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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.

JOHN E. ROWELL, EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT.

Town Clerk.

HERBERT A. KING.

Town Treasurer.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON.

Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

SEARS J. COOK, JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH.

Board of Registrars.

H. A. KING (ex-officio), ARTHUR W. HOLDEN,
JOHN HARRINGTON, EDWARD L. McMAHON.

Board of Health.

DR. JOHN B. TYLER, JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH.

Engineers of Fire Department.

E. W. LIVINGSTON, E. B. HASKELL,
LAWRENCE W. BUCKLEY.

School Committee.

DR. O. A. FLINT, REV. J. N. PARDEE,
JOHN E. BULL.

Collector of Taxes.

ALBERT H. JONES.

Superintendent of Streets.

GEORGE C. CROSBY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

JAMES C. PARKER.

Fence Viewers.

JOHN E. ROWELL, EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT.

Cattle Inspector.

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

SIDNEY A. BULL.

Constables.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR., EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

Public Weighers.

W. C. PHILLIPS, J. E. BLODGETT,
MILO HUTCHINS.

Field Drivers.

ISAAC HOPKINSON, MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

Surveyors of Wood.

JOHN E. ROWELL, VOLUNTINE ROLLINS,
GEO. E. SIMONDS, EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
M. C. MURPHY, W. F. SYMMES,
C. A. FOSTER.

Sexton.

ALBERT STEARNS.

Auditors.

ERASTUS B. COLBY, SIDNEY A. BULL,
RICHARD T. PERRY.

Keepers of the Lockup.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR., EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

Pound Keeper.

CHARLES W. SPROWL.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BILLERICA :

In our last annual report brief mention was made of a state highway. An article was inserted in the Town Warrant (Article 17) to see what action the town will take in obtaining a state highway. Agreeable to that motion, the board met with the Selectmen of Winchester and Selectmen of Burlington, and we finally concluded to recommend the main road commencing at the common in Billerica Centre and running to the Burlington town line, a distance of three and one-half miles, that was surveyed by Mr. A. W. Dudley at a cost of \$40 per mile; and with the petition filed with the State Highway Commissioners shortly after, or in September, the chairman of the board received word from the commissioners saying the appropriation had all been expended and nothing could be done this year. We would recommend that the next board of Selectmen, as soon as practicable, see the state commissioners and ask if something cannot be done the present year.

At a special town meeting held July 13, 1896, we were instructed to sell and convey a certain parcel of land situated in North Billerica, belonging to the town farm, containing forty acres more or less, to the Lowell Rendering Co. That duty we have attended to, the deed has been delivered, and the money, \$2,500, has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Our attention was called to the unsafe condition of the bridge at Billerica Corner, and we immediately made an examination by an expert, and upon his recommendation the matter was brought to the attention of the town, a special meeting being called for that purpose. At that meeting the Selectmen were instructed to contract

for a new steel bridge. Plans and specifications were submitted to several bridge builders. We received three bids, and the contract was awarded to the Boston Bridge Co., they being the lowest bidders, the price being \$1550, including the old bridge, the town to furnish the lumber and put the abutments and pier in proper shape to receive the bridge.

In our last annual report mention was made of the case of James McGee, who claimed damages from the town in being injured by a telegraph pole falling on him. At that time he entered suit against the town claiming \$5,000 damages. Since then the case has been settled by the payment of \$50.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

Selectmen of Billerica.

HIGHWAYS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit the following report of work done on the highways the past year :

Gravelled main road near C. S. Smith's, and below Calahan's; stoned and gravelled on the Howe School Hill; gravelled some at the foot of Harndon's Hill; gravelled round Beard's corner and spent two weeks with scraper; spent several days raking stone and cutting brush; gravelled some in South Bille-rica, stoned and gravelled on Dolan's hill; gravelled quite a strip between Mawburys' and the S. N. Wood's place; gravelled a long piece from J. Sullivan's up over the hill; gravelled in front of Talbots' & Faulkners' mills; built sidewalk near the same; gravelled a piece near Poor Farm; fixed sidewalk near Rowell's; gravelled from Nason's almost to Dewire's house; gravelled from Talbot School to River Bridge; gravelled in front of Monahan's and in front of Albert Jones'; gravelled Depot Road; built sidewalk in front of G. A. Richardson's; gravelled some on Andover Street; gravelled part of Knowles' Lane; gravelled from the Noyes' place to near the Hawes' place. Blasted out stone on the Manning Road, laid over a number of culverts and patched up in other places; did quite a lot on old Salem Road.

G. C. CROSBY,

Superintendent.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation \$4,500.

MARCH, 1896.

Paid John E. Rowell and others, snow.....	\$13 10
W. H. Crosby, snow.....	4 30
Patrick Woods, snow.....	1 10
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	24 93
W. H. Crosby, teamster.....	11 08
J. Stahle, 11 days.....	19 25
M. McElligott, 10 days.....	17 50
J. Newell, 14 days.....	24 50
B. Bohannon, 2 days.....	3 50
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	\$205 26

APRIL.

Paid C. S. Smith, snow.....	\$ 5 46
E. B. Haskell, hay.....	17 93
O. L. Fuller, repairs.....	85
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
J. S. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. Crosby, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 20½ days.....	35 87
M. McElligott, 20½ days.....	35 87
J. Newell, 20½ days.....	35 87
A. Hackett, 8 days.....	14 00
J. Randall, 1 day.....	1 75
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	29 50
J. F. Buckley and others, snow.....	6 20
John W. Essex, snow.....	5 30
Geo. P. Greenwood, repairs.....	6 90
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	\$317 44

MAY.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$ 50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. Crosby, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 21 days.....	36 75
M. McElligott, 16 days.....	28 00
John Newell, 21 days.....	36 75
A. Hackett, 20 days.....	35 00
John E. Farmer, snow.....	1 00
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	48 97
F. A. Morey, sundries.....	8 73
W. F. Symms, labor.....	8 20
Arthur W. Dudley, surveying road.....	146 00
A. O. Dane, supplies.....	1 50
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	\$472 90

JUNE.

Paid W. H. Sexton, blacksmith.....	\$ 67 08
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. Crosby, teamster.....	24 93
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	11 08
J. Stahle, 12 days.....	21 00
M. McElligott, 13 days.....	22 75
J. Newell, 12 days.....	21 00
Chas. H. Hanson, horses.....	150 00
Edwin Manning, snow.....	3 20
Edwin Manning, hay.....	41 45
G. E. Simonds, snow.....	30 80
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	4 80
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	\$484 09

JULY.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00

John Stahle, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	\$ 39 38
John Newell, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	39 38
M. McElligott, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	39 38
John E. Rowell, horse.....	135 00
W. A. Sherman, medical attendance.....	3 50
R. Campbell, gravel.....	50 00
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	\$428 64

AUGUST.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	35 87
J. Stahle, $24\frac{3}{4}$ days.....	45 06
J. Newell, $25\frac{3}{4}$ days.....	45 06
M. McElligott, $25\frac{3}{4}$ days.....	45 06
B. Bohannon, 3 days.....	5 25
Billerica Shoe and Harness Co., supplies.....	14 38
Burnham & Davis, lumber.....	8 81
Andrew Benson, snow.....	1 00
F. A. Morey, grain.....	13 51
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	\$336 00

SEPTEMBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	39 38
M. McElligott, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	39 38
John Newell, $19\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	34 13
Warren Holden, gravel.....	6 10
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	19 55
A. O. Dane, hay.....	22 70
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	\$283 24

OCTOBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith.....	42 52
John E. Rowell, lumber.....	1 92
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	22 52
Walter Alexander, snow.....	3 90
John Stable, 23 days.....	40 25
J. Newell, 23 days.....	40 25
M. McElligott, 22 days.....	38 50
Fred A. Morey, hay and grain.....	81 90
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	\$393 76

NOVEMBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
John Stable, 21½ days....	37 62
John Newell, 21½ days.....	37 62
M. McElligott, 21½ days.....	37 62
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	21 00
L. W. Holden, supplies.....	16 00
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	\$271 86

DECEMBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
John Stable, 20 days.....	35 00
John Newell, 20 days.....	35 00
M. McElligott, 20 days.....	35 00
W. W. Nason, damage.....	5 00
H. Livingston, 9 days with team.....	36 00
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	63 21
F. A. Morey, grain.....	6 38

A. P. Nickles, gravel.....	\$ 9 80
Billerica Shoe and Harness Co., supplies.....	4 30
S. H. King, gravel.....	2 10
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith.....	14 00
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	\$367 79

JANUARY.

Paid George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
John Stahle, 21 days.....	36 75
John Newell, 21 days.....	36 75
M. McElligott, 21 days.....	36 75
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	12 73
John Randalls, labor.....	1 00
W. McDonough, labor.....	1 00
Charles Tufts, labor.....	40
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	\$247 38

FEBRUARY, 1897.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	18 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
John Stahle, 19½ days.....	34 13
John Newell, 20½ days.....	35 88
M. McElligott, 19½ days.....	34 13
T. Messer, 1 day.....	1 75
Edwin Manning, hay.....	22 00
M. McElman.....	1 75
Phillips & Co., grain.....	13 65
J. C. Parker, hay.....	31 25
William H. Sexton, blacksmith.....	30 49
Josiah Wright, snow.....	1 80
John E. Rowell, snow.....	9 20
James C. Parker, snow.....	3 00
W. C. Phillips & Co., hay and grain.....	44 39

Fred A. Morey, supplies.....	\$14 85
B. W. Kearney, snow.....	7 20
B. C. Spaulding, gravel.....	2 60
L. W. Holden, supplies.....	3 34
Edwin Manning, snow.....	7 00
James C. Parker, hay.....	21 67

\$424 08

Special appropriation for highways.....	\$450 00
Paid J. Barris, 22 days, at \$1.35 per day.....	29 70
D. Hickey, 22 days, at \$1.35 per day.....	29 70
A. Hibbert, 17 days, 2½ hours, at \$1.35 per day....	23 33
J. Foursander, 21½ days, at \$1.50 per day.....	32 25
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	32 00
Geo. C. Crosby, use of team.....	64 00
J. Stahle, 11½ days, at \$1.75 per day.....	20 13
M. McElligott, 10½ days, at \$1.75 per day ..	18 38
John Newell, 11½ days, at \$1.75 per day.....	20 13
Walter Sutcliffe, 22 days with team.....	88 00
Ed. Spaulding, 23¼ days with team.....	93 00

\$450 62

BILLERICA SINKING FUND COM- MISSIONERS' REPORT.

The amount of the Sinking Fund to date is \$1,600. This sum has been put on deposit with savings banks in the city of Lowell. At the annual meeting of the Board it was voted that the next payment of \$800 be added to this deposit, as the sum shall increase it will be desirable to look for a special investment.

FREDERICK A. MOREY,

Secretary.

Billerica, March 1, 1897.

CLERK'S REPORT

Of Town Meetings Held During the Year.

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 a. m. by Herbert A. King, Clerk.

ART. 1. By use of ballot and check list Thomas Talbot was unanimously chosen moderator, receiving nine votes. After being duly sworn by the clerk, the moderator appointed as tellers Fred H. Parker, Arthur W. Holden, A. L. Blodgett, Edward L. McMahon, Jos. F. Talbot, who were sworn by the moderator.

ART. 2. Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted that there be chosen one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one Tax Collector, one School Committee for three years, two Constables, one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, one member of Bowers Fund Committee five years, one member Board of Health three years, three Auditors one year.

ART. 3. This article was taken up at 9.45 a. m., after action had been taken upon article No. 6. Moved by H. H. Faulkner and so voted that the polls be kept open until 3.30 p. m. The following was the vote as declared by the moderator:

Clerk—Herbert A. King 327 votes, declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Treasurer—John A. Richardson 328 votes, declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Selectmen—Franklin Jaquith, 95 votes; John E. Rowell, 279 votes; Josiah Wright, 210 votes; Edward B. Haskell, 201 votes; George F. Colson, 42; Coburn S. Smith, 32; Jacob Murphy, 98; Geo. P. Greenwood. 2. John E. Rowell, Josiah Wright and Edward B. Haskell were declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Assessors—Coburn S. Smith, 230 votes; John E. Rowell, 283 votes; Josiah Wright, 36 votes; Sears J. Cook, 291 votes, sworn by clerk, March 17, '96; Edward B. Haskell, 100 votes; George F. Colson, 39 votes; Geo. P. Greenwood, 1 vote; Bernard Kearney, 1 vote. Coburn S. Smith, John E. Rowell and Sears J. Cook were declared elected and the two first named sworn by the moderator.

Overseers of Poor—Josiah Wright, 34; Edward B. Haskell, 3; Sears J. Cook, 289, sworn by clerk March 17, '96; John E. Rowell, 287 votes; Coburn S. Smith, 314 votes; Geo. F. Colson, 36 votes; Geo. P. Greenwood, 1 vote; Bernard Kearney, 1 vote. Coburn S. Smith, John E. Rowell and Sears J. Cook were declared elected and the two first named sworn by moderator.

Tax Collector—Albert H. Jones, 327 votes; J. Bull, 1 vote. Albert H. Jones declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Sinking Fund Commissioner—F. A. Morey, 289 votes; John H. Foster, 37 votes. F. A. Morey declared elected.

Boar of Health—Jacob Murphy, 1 vote; Philip Dolan, 1 vote; Edward B. Haskell, 1 vote; John E. Rowell, 187 votes; Dr. J. B. Tyler, 39 votes; Coburn S. Smith, 87 votes; Josiah Wright, 1 vote; Chas. E. Hosmer, 3 votes. Coburn S. Smith declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Auditors—Erastus Colby, 232 votes, sworn by moderator April 4, '96; Richard Perry, 326 votes; Sidney A. Bull, 292 votes; Alfred Brown, 33 votes; Arthur Brown, 98 votes; H. H. Faulkner; 1 vote. Erastus Colby, Richard Perry, Sidney A. Bull, declared elected.

Constables—Everett W. Livingston, 301 votes; Martin Conway, Jr., 300 votes. E. W. Livingston and Martin Conway, Jr., declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

School Committee—William W. Nason, 84 votes; Johnson McDonald, 90 votes; John E. Bull, 153 votes, sworn by clerk, March 17, '96. John E. Bull declared elected.

ART. 4. Moved by C. H. Kohlrausch, that we do not choose a highway surveyor, and so voted.

Field Drivers—Voted that they be the same as last year, viz.: Freeman Smith, sworn by clerk, March 23; Isaac Hopkinson, sworn by clerk, March 21, '96; Martin Conway, Jr., John Murphy.

Moved by Joseph Holt and so voted, that the surveyors of wood and lumber be the same as last year, with the name of Charles A. Foster added, making those chosen as follows: John E. Rowell, Charles H. Parker, Voluntine Rollins, Geo. E. Simonds, Everett W. Livingston, sworn by clerk, March 17, '96, Jasper F. Bruce, Henry M. Hutchins, Wm. F. Symmes, sworn by clerk, March 23, '96, M. C. Murphy, sworn by clerk, March 21, '96, Chas. A. Foster, sworn by moderator.

Fence Viewers—Board of Selectmen.

ART. 5. Mrs. John O. Richardson was chosen a member of the Bowers Fund Committee for five years by acclamation, on motion of C. H. Kohlrausch.

ART. 6. Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted, that the same method be adopted as last year, viz.: the choice of a collector by ballot.

ART. 7. Moved by C. H. Kohlrausch and so voted, that the list as revised by the Selectmen be accepted. Dennis O'Keefe and Warren Holden were, upon request, excused, and the names of Wm H. Marston and Andrew Morrissey substituted. The list as accepted and amended was as follows: A. O. Dane, C. S. Smith, Ebenezer Baker, Josiah Wright, John E. Bull, Sears J. Cook, Bernard Kearney, George F. Colson, Walter Sutcliffe, Thomas Spaulding.

Charles W. Flanders, Roland B. Holden, Henry Shuman, Samuel H. King, John Harrington, John R. Buckley, George F. Harnden, Edwin Manning, John E. Bottomley, William H. Symonds, Thomas Lyons, John B. Stearns, Wm. H. Marston, Clarence Bowman, Fred H. Parker, Hiram C. Brown, Joseph S. Holt, Voluntine Rollins, Leonard Blood, Albert Stearns, Henry Durant, Joseph H. Call, Martin Conway, Andrew Morrissey.

ART. 8. License question. Yes, 26. No, 107.

ART. 9. F. Jaquith for Selectmen, reported that the Bowers Fund was \$3,000 less than appeared by the published reports, and also moved that so much of the report as was printed on pages 68, 69 and 70 be accepted as printed. So voted.

Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted, that all unexpended balances be returned to the treasury.

C. H. Kohlrausch reported for the committee to investigate the need of additional schoolhouse accommodation at North Billerica, that if Union Hall could be secured to the school committee it would be all that would be required for the present need. On Mr. Kohlrausch's motion it was voted that Union Hall be placed in the hands of the school committee for schoolroom purposes.

The following resolutions were reported :

RESOLUTIONS.

In accordance with the following vote passed at the regular Town Meeting of the citizens of Billerica, held at Gardner Parker Hall, March 18, 1895, viz. :

That in view of the great loss to our town by the death of Mr. Dudley Foster, who was so long a public officer, a committee of three be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions and report at the next Town Meeting. The committee as chosen at that time respectfully presents these resolutions.

Whereas, by the death of our late townsman, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Dudley Foster, which occurred on the third day of January, 1895, the town of Billerica has suffered the loss of an estimable

citizen and an official of sterling integrity, whose long and honorable term of office embraced an uninterrupted period of forty years.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the citizens of the town of Billerica hereby declare and express their appreciation of the many services rendered to the town by their late fellow citizen, and as a token of their esteem hereby cause a copy of these resolutions to be framed and hung in the Town Hall.

ARTHUR L. BLODGETT,
FRED H. PARKER,
EDWARD L. McMAHON,

Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of C. H. Kohlrausch these resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

F. S. Clark, for the Committee on the new Town Hall, referred to the final report as printed, and the following motion by C. H. Kohlrausch was unanimously carried :

Moved—That we extend to the Building Committee a vote of thanks for the efficient and energetic manner in which they discharged their arduous duties in the erection of this splendid building, and that we instruct the Selectmen to have placed in the lower corridor a bronze or other tablet, commemorating the erection of the different town halls since the foundation of the town, with the names of the committee in charge of the erection of our present Town Hall.

Voted, that the reports of the several town officers be accepted as printed.

ART. 10. E. F. Dickinson moved that each article or item as recommended by the Selectmen be acted upon separately, and it was so voted. The appropriations then made were as follows :

Schools, including the dog tax.....	\$8,000 00
Highways.....	4,500 00
Bridges	100 00
Fire Department.....	800 00

Town Farm.....	1,000 00
Outside Relief.....	1,000 00
Debt Appropriation.....	3,000 00
Interest.....	1,700 00
Incidentals.....	1,500 00
Constables, Janitor and Police.....	1,200 00
State Tax, County Tax.....	3,500 00
Selectmen.....	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00
Overseers of Poor.....	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00
Tax Collector.....	350 00
Election Officers.....	100 00
Soldiers' Relief.....	100 00
Cattle Inspector.....	275 00
Registrars of Voters.....	45 00
Cemeteries.....	150 00
Fish Warden.....	100 00
Sidewalks.....	200 00
Common.....	75 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest.....	2,000 00
Board of Health.....	50 00

C. H. Kohlrausch moved that the total amount raised under this article be \$22,000, and it was so voted.

ART. 11. F. Jaquith moved that \$75 be raised and appropriated, and it was so voted.

ART. 12. It was voted that the same method be pursued as last year, viz. : to be under the care of the Selectmen and Road Superintendent.

ART. 13. Dismissed.

ART. 14. It was voted that the By-Laws adopted at the last

Annual Town Meeting be amended as follows : Article 2, Section 2. By striking out all words preceding "all promissory notes" and substituting for the words, "executed in like manner," the words "signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen," so that the section will read, "all promissory notes of the town shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen."

Article 2, Section 8. By striking out the entire section.

Article 3, Section 2. By adding after the word "year" the words "provided the bond of the collector has been approved."

Article 3, Section 4. By striking out the entire section.

Article 4, Section 1. " " " " " "

Article 4, Section 2. " " " " " "

Article 5, Section 1. By striking out the words "several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force," and substituting therefor "provisions of Chapter 498 of the Public Statutes of 1894," so that the article shall read, "The Town of Billerica hereby avails itself of the provisions of Chapter 498 of the Public Statutes of 1894, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby adopts the following By-Laws :

Article 7, Section 2. By striking out the words "two-thirds," and substituting the word therefor "majority," so that the section shall read, "These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Town Meeting by the majority vote. Any proposed amendment, however, must appear in full in the warrant for such meeting.

Moved by F. Clark and so voted, that the Town Clerk have 1,000 copies of the By-Laws printed and distributed among the the voters when they shall have been approved by the Superior Court.

ART. 15. Moved by Thomas Spaulding that \$600 be appropriated as asked for by this article. It was so voted.

ART. 16. Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted, that \$450 be be raised and appropriated for the purpose asked by this article.

ART. 17. Under this article it was voted to ask the state, through the selectmen, to build two (2) miles of road, to be located by the Selectmen, who shall make report to the town before submitting their request to the state.

ART. 18. Moved by F. Jaquith and so voted, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the subject and report at the next annual meeting. The chair appointed for this committee — Franklin Jaquith, Thomas Spaulding, Martin Conway.

ART. 19. Moved by E. L. McMahon that a committee of three (3), be appointed from the floor to investigate the subject of a water supply, and that seven hundred dollars (\$700), be raised and appropriated to defray the expense of such investigation. On division of the house the motion was declared carried by a vote of Yes, 100; No, 94. E. L. McMahon moved this committee be F. S. Clark, J. N. Parker, C. H. Kohlrausch, and they were unanimously chosen.

ART. 20. Thomas Spaulding moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the matter and report at the next Annual Town Meeting. It was so voted. The chair appointed this committee — Thomas Spaulding, Sidney A. Bull, H. W. Sheldon.

ART. 21. Voted that the fund be allowed to accumulate for one year longer.

ART. 22. Dismissed.

ART. 23. On motion of H. A. King it was voted that the sums named in this article be paid to Gardner E. Spaulding and Benjamin Walker.

ART. 24. It was moved by F. Jaquith that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the sum of \$18,000, as the same may be

from time to time required, and to give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be payable from the said taxes. On division of the house it was declared as unanimously carried—yes, 49; no, none.

Moved by J. E. Rowell that the Selectmen be instructed to investigate the matter of sale of land to the Lowell Rendering Co., and report to the town at a special meeting if they deemed it advisable. It was so voted.

It was moved by Martin Conway, and so voted, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to name the streets and place boards showing the names given.

The chair appointed as this committee Martin Conway, John E. Rowell, Coburn S. Smith.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

HERBERT A. KING, *Clerk*,

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the town of Billerica.

GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on Monday evening, July 13, 1896, at 7.45 in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a certain piece of land belonging to the town farm, situated on the

westerly side of the railroad track, containing about forty-two acres, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate such sums of money, not to exceed \$2,500, as may be received from the sale of town farm lands, for the purpose of repairing the Corner bridge, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow if necessary a sum of money not to exceed \$2,500, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, for the repair of the bridge over Concord river at Billerica Corner, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 5. To see if the town will ratify and confirm its action under Article 6 of the town warrant for a town meeting legally called, warned and held on the first day of May, 1871, in voting among other things that a committee of three consisting of the then Selectmen, namely, Dudley Foster, Israel A. Colson and David L. Mason, be authorized to sell and convey at public auction, at their discretion as to parcels and time, all the real estate given and devised to the town by Mary Bowers and Fanny Bowers, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds thereof in behalf of the town; or act in relation to the same.

ART. 6. To see if the town will approve, ratify and confirm the conveyance made in the name of the "Inhabitants of Billerica" by Dudley Foster, Israel A. Colson and David L. Mason as its committee, to William H. Osborn, of two undivided thirds of the Bowers homestead, so called, containing about one and three-fourths acres, and situated in the Centre of said Billerica, the same being made by deed dated May 16, 1871, and recorded with Middlesex North Registry Deeds, book 80, page 253.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the town hall, one copy at each of the post offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules

of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this second day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,

Selectmen of Billerica.

I have served this warrant as within directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

Billerica, July 13, 1896.

Under the foregoing warrant action was taken as follows :

Meeting called to order, and warrant read by the Clerk.

ART. 1. F. S. Clark was unanimously chosen moderator by ballot and the use of the check list.

ART. 2. On motion of Frank Jaquith, it was unanimously voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and convey to the Lowell Rendering Co., for the sum of \$2,500 a parcel of land containing about forty-two acres, situated in North Billerica, and recently surveyed by Mr. Dudley under the instruction of the Selectmen, said land being a part of the town farm.

ART. 3 Moved by C. H. Kaulrausch, that the Selectmen be authorized to get estimates and plans for repairs on the Corner bridge, and report at a future meeting. It was so voted, unanimously.

ART. 4. Moved by Franklin Jaquith, That the Article be dismissed, and so voted unanimously.

ART. 5. Moved by J. N. Parker, and unanimously voted, that, whereas the Town Clerk's records of a special town

meeting held on the first day of May, 1871, through some inadvertence, do not disclose any posting of the warrant issued therefor; that, whereas under Article 6th of said warrant the town authorized Dudley Foster, Israel A. Colson and David L. Mason as its committee to sell and convey at public auction, at their discretion as to parcels and time, all the real estate given and devised to the town by Mary Bowers and Fanny Bowers, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds thereof in behalf of the town; and, whereas said Foster, Colson and Mason did as so authorized sell and convey said real estate; and, whereas the title of the present owner or owners of said real estate may be questioned in consequence of the failure of said records to show that said meeting was duly warned; and whereas the town received full payment for said land, and there is no reason to doubt that said meeting was properly called and due notice thereof given; now then, it is moved that the action of the town under Article 6th of said warrant at said meeting held on said first day of May, 1871, be and is in all particulars hereby ratified and confirmed.

ART. 6. Moved by J. N. Parker, and unanimously voted, that the town hereby approves, ratifies and confirms in every particular the conveyance made in the name of the "Inhabitants of Billerica" by Dudley Foster, Israel A. Colson and David L. Mason as its committee, to William H. Osborn, of two undivided thirds of the Bowers homestead, so called, containing about one and three-fourths acres, and situated in the Centre of the town, the same being made by deed dated May 16th, 1871, and recorded with North Middlesex Registry Deeds, book 80, page 253.

On motion of H. A. King, the meeting was dissolved.

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the town of Billerica :

GREETING :

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 7.45 in the evening to act upon the following Articles :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in regard to repairs on the bridge over Concord river at Billerica Corner, or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow if necessary a sum of money not to exceed \$2,500, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, for the repairs of the bridge over Concord River at Billerica Corner, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the town hall, one copy in each of the post offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

Selectmen of Billerica.

Attest :

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, *Constable.*

I have served the within warrant as directed,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

Billerica, Aug. 4, 1896.

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*

Under the foregoing warrant the following action was taken :

ART. 1. Chose for moderator by ballot and check list, F. S. Clark, unanimously.

ART. 2. J. E. Rowell reported for the Setectmen, that they had estimates from three different bridge builders, and were prepared to say that the \$2,500, asked for at the last town meeting would be a sufficient sum to repair the bridge.

On motion of J. N. Parker, it was voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted. Hand vote—yes, 14; no, 5.

Moved by J. N. Parker that the Selectmen be authorized to place a new bridge over the Concord River at the Corner at an expense of not more than \$2,500.

Carried unanimously by yea and nay vote.

ART. 3. Moved by J. E. Rowell, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow, with the approval of the Selectmen, a sum not to exceed \$2,500, for a term of one year, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, for the purpose of rebuilding the bridge at Billerica Corner.

Carried unanimously. by rising vote.

Moved by J. N. Parker, that the meeting be dissolved, and so voted unanimously.

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the town of Billerica :

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Precinct One, at town hall, Billerica Centre, at 6.30 a. m., Precinct Two, at Republican Club building at North Billerica at 9 o'clock a. m., to bring in your votes on one ballot for the following officers :

Electors of Presidents and Vice-Presidents ; Governor ; Lieutenant Governor ; Secretary ; Treasurer and Receiver General ; Auditor ; Attorney General ; County Commissioner ; Councillor No. 6 District ; Senator No. 6 Middlesex District ; Two Representatives to General Court, 27th Middlesex District ; Clerk of Courts ; Representatives to Congress, 4th District ; Amendment to the Constitution.

First Article of Amendment—The Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Councillor shall hold their respective offices for two years next following the first Wednesday in January succeeding their elections and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. The first election to which this Article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. All the provisions of the constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled. The Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General shall hold their respective offices for two years beginning with the third Wednesday in the January succeeding their election and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. A person shall be eligible as Treasurer and Receiver General for three successive terms and no more. The first election to which this Arti-

cle shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

All the provisions of the constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

Second Article of Amendment—Senators and Representatives shall hold their respective offices for terms of two years beginning with the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their elections. The first election to which this Article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred ninety-eight, and thereafter elections for the choice of Senators and representatives shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. The General Court shall assemble in January, and each General Court shall without any proclamation or other act of the Governor be finally dissolved on the day preceding the day appointed for the first assembling of the next Elective General Court.

All provisions of the constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock p. m.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy in the town hall, one copy in each of the post offices in the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches of the town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,

Constable.

Billerica, Nov. 3, 1896.

I have served the written warrant as directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,

Constable.

Attest:

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*

At a legal meeting held under the foregoing warrant the following votes were cast, as returned by the precinct officers:

FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES AT LARGE.

Ernest C. Marshall.....	86 votes
Daniel W. Kenney.....	86 "
Henry Winn.....	80 "
Edward Kendall.....	3 "
Alfred W. Richardson.....	3 "
John Q. A. Brackett.....	422 "
Wm. H. Haile.....	422 "
Thos. J. Gargan.....	2 "
James S. Grinnell.....	2 "

DISTRICT No. 1.

William B. Mahoney.....	87 votes
Frank L. Gross.....	8 "
Edward S. Rogers.....	3 "
Franklin Carter.....	422 "
James W. Hall.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 2.

Joseph F. Callanan.....	87 votes
Wm. M. E. Mellen.....	8 "
Hubbard Lawrence.....	3 "
Augustus Coolidge.....	422 "
Leander B. Morse.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 3.

Levi Barker.....	87 votes
Enoch Earle.....	8 "
John Holt.....	3 "
Arthur F. Whitin.....	422 "
Eben S. Stevens.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 4.

Henry J. Jaquith.....	92 votes
Edward G. Watkins.....	6 "
Charles H. Moulton.....	422 "
Charles J. Williams.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 5.

Michael O'Mahoney.....	87 votes
James H. Donahoe.....	8 "
James K. Fellows.....	3 "
Joseph Miller.....	422 "
Sam D. Stevens.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 6.

James P. Dearborn.....	87 votes
Thomas Saunders.....	8 "
Albert B. Coats.....	3 "
Sylvanus Smith.....	422 "
Robert S. Rantoul.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 7.

Edward B. Newhall.....	87 votes
William J. Brickley.....	8 "
Seth Weston.....	3 "
Edward L. La Croix.....	422 "
Samuel K. Hamilton.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 8.

John P. McCormick.....	87 votes
Abijah Hall.....	8 "
Robert Q. Fuller.....	422 "
Godfrey Morse.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 9.

James J. Lanigan.....	87 votes
William J. Burke.....	7 "
Charles A. Abbott.....	3 "
Peter Morrison.....	422 "
Sigourney Butler.....	9 "

DISTRICT No. 10.

Quincey A. Lothrop.....	92 votes
James J. Hurd.....	5 "
John C. Cobb.....	422 "
Daniel Pendergast.....	10 "

DISTRICT No. 11.

William D. Leahy.....	87 votes
James Jeffrey Roche.....	8 "
Wm. H. Partridge.....	3 "
Wilbur H. Powers.....	422 "
James E. Cotter.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 12.

Francis A. Hobart.....	93 votes
Edwin Sawtelle.....	5 "
Henry A. Thomas.....	422 "
Charles G. Davis.....	8 "

DISTRICT No. 13.

Thomas J. Meaney.....	87 votes
Charles H. Lane.....	8 "
Charles A. Chase.....	3 "
Edmund Anthony.....	422 "
Louis B. Thatcher.....	8 "

FOR GOVERNOR.

Thomas C. Brophy.....	1 votes
Allen Coffin.....	7 "
Frederic O. Prince.....	13 "
George Fred Williams, Democratic.....	79 "
George Fred Williams, People's Party.....	1 "
George Fred Williams, Dem. Bryan Nom.....	9 "
Roger Wolcott.....	369 "

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Christopher T. Callahan.....	81 votes
J. Murray Crane.....	359 "
Archibald Dakin.....	1 "
James E. McConnell.....	10 "
Wm. W. Nash.....	5 "

FOR SECRETARY.

Asa F. Hall.....	5 votes
Waldo Lincoln.....	6 "
Wm. L. Olin.....	349 "
Joseph H. Potts.....	83 "
Leroy D. Usher.....	1 "
Willard O. Wylie.....	5 "

FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Charles E. F. Claus.....	1 votes
Robert C. Habberley.....	4 "
Edward P. Shaw.....	354 "
Horace P. Tobey.....	19 "
Thomas A. Watson.....	57 "

FOR AUDITOR.

Maurice P. Cavanaugh.....	26 votes
Maurice J. Fitzgerald.....	50 "
Thomas A. Frissell.....	94 "
John W. Kimball.....	262 "
Rufus H. Phinney.....	1 "
Charles C. Spellman.....	11 "

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

John C. Chase.....	2 votes
Walcott Hamlin.....	2 "
Henry P. Hurlburt.....	18 "
Hosea M. Knowlton.....	356 "
John B. O'Donnell.....	62 "

FOR COUNCILLOR 6TH DISTRICT.

Wm. E. Rand.....	92 votes
Elisha H. Shaw.....	352 "

FOR SENATOR 6TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Wm. H. Brigham.....	345 votes
Alvin Fisher.....	89 "

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 27TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Michael J. Coughlin, of Billerica.....	197 votes
Joseph F. Donahoe, of Lowell.....	128 "
Charles E. Hosmer, of Billerica.....	327 "
Edward A. Stevens, of Dracut.....	307 "

FOR CLERK OF COURTS.

Theodore C. Hurd.....	324 votes
Everett W. Livingston.....	3 "

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Levi S. Gould.....	354 votes
George A. Perkins.....	97 "

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT.

I. Porter Morse.....	89 "
George W. Weymouth.....	372 "

FIRST ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Yes.....	140 votes
No.....	184 "

SECOND ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Yes.....	128 votes
No.....	174 "

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

CITY OF LOWELL.

At the County Court House in the City of Lowell, 12.45 o'clock p. m., thirteenth November, 1896, we, the undersigned Clerks of the city and towns included in the Twenty-seventh Middlesex Representative District, do hereby certify that a meeting of said Clerks was holden for the purpose of determining what person or persons appear to be elected to the office of Representative from said District at the place designated by the County Commissioners at the County Court House, in the City of Lowell, at the time and date above written, and did open, examine and compare the copies of the records of the votes in the several precincts of the city of Lowell and of the several towns within the said District for Representatives, and they further certify that the following is a complete schedule of all the persons for whom votes for Representatives were given in the District and the number of votes for each person, as shown by said copies of record :

Michael Coughlin, of Billerica, democratic, had.....	1788
Joseph F. Donahoe, of Lowell, democratic, had.....	1896
Charles E. Hosmer, of Billerica, republican, had.....	2297
Edward A. Stevens, of Dracut, republican, had.....	2128
Whole number of ballots.....	4794
Blanks.....	1472

GIRARD P. DADMAN, *City Clerk, Lowell.*HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk, Billerica.*SAMUEL SEWELL. *Town Clerk, Burlington.*W. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Town Clerk, Carlisle.*GAYTON M. HALL, *Town Clerk, Dracut.*ARTHUR F. UPTON, *Town Clerk, North Reading.*JOHN H. CHANDLER, *Town Clerk, Tewksbury.*EDW. M. NICHOLS, *Town Clerk, Wilmington.*

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES IN 1896.

	Date.	Name.	Residence.
1.	Jan. 5.	James H. Powers.....	Billerica.
		Bridget Corning.....	Lowell.
2.	Jan. 22.	Amos Frost.....	Billerica.
		Edith A. Hall.....	"
3.	Mar. 21.	John Franklin Roome.....	"
		Nellie A. Patterson.....	Lynn.
4.	Mar. 24.	Stephen E. Cann.....	Billerica.
		Ada Budgen.....	Lowell.
5.	May 9.	Ernest Stott.....	Billerica.
		Clara Faulds.....	"
6.	May 28.	Samuel A. Marshall.....	"
		Adelaide E. Howard.....	Dedham.
7.	June 10.	Arthur Switzer.....	Billerica.
		Alice Higson.....	"
8.	July 16.	Arthur Kilburn Letterney.....	"
		Minnie May Leard.....	"
9.	Oct. 2.	Herbert B. Ellis.....	"
		May Eva Johnson.....	"
10.	Dec. 2.	James W. Sutcliffe.....	"
		Maud L. Gregware.....	"
11.	Dec. 3.	Casius W. White.....	Lowell.
		Mabel S. Dutton.....	Billerica.
12.	Dec. 10.	Henry Damon Livingston.....	"
		Emma Maud Wilkins....	"
13.	Dec. 30.	John J. Lacey.....	Lowell.
		Nellie F. Keefe.....	Billerica.

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1896.

No.	Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1. Jan.	11.	Mason Alexander.....	Watson and Alice.
2.	27.	Mary Isabelle Fayton.....	Thomas and Lillie.
3. Feb.	3.	Estella May Delmege.....	James and Martha.
4.	29.	Charles Leroy Sheed.....	Charles and Charlotte.
5. Mar.	3.	Florence Moore Hockaday...	Robert and Ada.
6.	5.	Gertrude Rowe Holland....	William and Josephine.
7.	10.	Pauline Murphy.....	Michael and Hattie.
8.	16.	Thos. Elmer Ansley Bailey..	Samuel and Moniria.
9. April	3.	Mary Anna Angelia English.	Irvin and Lida.
10.	4.	Edwin Phineus Simpson....	Lorenzo and Jennie.
11.	6.	Raymond Leslie Bamforth..	William and Elizabeth.
12.	9.	Patrick Francis Collins.....	Michael and Mary.
13.	25.	Ann Catherine Colby.....	Herbert and Abby.
14.	27.	Mary Isabella Hannon.....	William H. and Sarah.
15.	30.	May Belle Robinson.....	Ernest and Emily.
16. May	3.	Edward S. Nickles.....	George and Annie.
17.	9.	Florence Potts.....	Joseph and Sarah.
18.	18.	Ruth Holden.....	—— and Bertha.
19.	18.	Gertrude Hoff.....	Benjamin and Nettie.
20.	21.	John William Bicknell.....	Frank and Nellie.
21.	22.	Ralph Rhodes Smith.....	Perley and Sadie.
22.	26.	Mary Melissa Newell.....	John and Patience.
23.	28.	Ethel Marie Maney.....	Patrick and Francis.
24. June	11.	James Dennis Shelloo.....	Dennis and Sarah.
25. July	1.	John Dana Richardson....	John and Ella.
26.	11.	Richard Condon.....	Patrick and Ellen.
27.	12.	Irving Carlton Bowman..	Henry and Alice.

28. July 14. Flossie Rosina Ashe.....George and Laura.
 29. 25. Marion Estella Williams....Jonathan and Sarah.
 30. Aug. 22. Lloyd Whitney Stott.....Ernest and Clara.
 31. 30. Hazel Winifred Rollins....Warren and Adeline.
 32. 31. Helen Irene Chambers.....William and Jennie.
 33. Sept. 16. Mary Ellen O'Brien.....Jeremiah and Bridget.
 34. 21. Edna May Lofthouse.....Joseph and Mary.
 35. 26. Florence Emily NasonWilliam and Kate.
 36. Oct. 1. Mildred Eilen Spencer.....Oscar and Elizabeth.
 37. 2. Samuel Whiting Staley....Delbert and Anna.
 38. 4. Harry Allen Burroughs.....Clark and Mary.
 39. Nov. 1. Marion Francis Kittredge...Thomas and Francis.
 40. 12. Harry Moran.....James and Esther.
 41. 13. Alice Bateson.....Thomas and Rachael.
 42. 18. Thomas Powers.....James and Bridget.
 43. 19. Alice Griffin.....Michael and Bridget.
 44. Dec. 20. Charles Gordon Williams...Charles and Delia.
 45. 23. Frank Leroy Spencer.....Lemuel and Adelia.
 46. June 22. Alice Margaret Porter.....Richard and Elizabeth.
 1895.
 47. Mar. 10. Sarah Elizabeth Stott.....John and Alfreda.
 Aug. 7. May Sanderson Cosson.....Thomas and Ann.

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

DEATHS FOR 1896.

	Date.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
1.	Jan. 9.	Elissa Cowdry	76	..	..
2.	24.	Mary K. Griffin .....	..	2	14
3.	23.	Henry Harrington	65	10	..
4.	Feb. 13.	Cornelius McCusker.....	38	..	..
5.	March 2.	Julia A. Averill.....	88	1	5
6.	11.	Daisy Keating.....	17	10	..
7.	16.	Elizabeth Dewhurst.....	52	11	..
8.	16.	John Gannon.....	62	7	..
9.	29.	Zilpha Bigelow.....	60	2	..
10.	April 8.	Pauline Murphy.....	..	..	29
11.	13.	Abbie A. Jaques.....	68	7	..
12.	22.	Philander D. Howe.....	67	8	21
13.	23.	Catherine Cox.....	4	..	..
14.	30.	Patrick Riley.....	73	..	..
15.	May 6.	Jerusha Northrup	83	8	..
16.	9.	Michael Collins.....	36	..	..
17.	10.	Mary Ann Collins.....	..	7	..
18.	19.	Charles Leroy Shedd.....	..	2	20
19.	22.	M. Florence O'Keefe.....	27	..	..
20.	June 2.	Martha Maxwell.....	76	11	..
21.	5.	Abby J. Marston.....	77	..	..
22.	13.	Eliza A. Davis.....	81	4	21
23.	15.	Lucy Hartwell.....	75	7	26
24.	17.	Sophronia A. Putney.....	74	9	..
25.	26.	Mary R. Holden.....	21	7	..
26.	26.	Raymond L. Balmforth.....	11 wks.	4 dys.	
27.	July 1.	William Brown.....	59	3	27
28.	7.	Loring W. Gleason.....	63	..	..
29.	17.	James Brown.....	9 weeks.		
30.	24.	Anna W. Holden.....	46	..	..
31.	25.	Mary J. Reblin.....	53	7	21

32.		30.	Elizabeth Holden.....	52	10	..
33.	Aug.	13.	Grace Ellen Carney.....	1	3	..
34.	Aug.	15.	William Joseph Rogers.....	22	1	10
35.		24.	William Stewart.....	66	4	18
36.		28.	Mary Lyons.....	4	5	..
37.	Sept.	4.	Harriet Stearns Miller.....	50	..	..
38.	Oct.	2.	Albert B. Lovejoy	65	..	..
39.		8.	Patrick Handley.....	25	..	..
40.		12.	Katie Kane.....	36	..	..
41.		15.	Katie Allen Dickinson.....	38	9	18
42.	Nov.	4.	Rachael A. Baldwin.....	76	..	..
43.		7.	William F. McNulty.....	33	..	..
44.		10.	Mary Ella Mahoney.....	33	6	..
45.		12.	M. Ellen Spencer.....	..	1	12
46.		23.	Chauncey C. Stearns.....	58	..	..
47.		26.	Michael Hayes.....	77	..	..
48.	Dec.	9.	Ann Gilligan.....	48	..	..
49.		11.	John Hayes	25	6	..
50.		26.	Frank Dupins	43	7	24

BURIALS IN BILLERICA FOR YEAR 1896.

	Name.	Residence.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
1.	C. P. Jaquith..	Canton	78	..	..
2.	Nancy Wilson.....	Worcester	50	..	..
3.	Lucy Hartwell.....	Bedford	75	..	..
4.	Mary McCann.....	——.....	72	..	..
5.	Edith James Merriam.....	Cambridge.....	..	..	..
6.	Nellie S. Sallaway.....	Bedford.....	51	6	9
7.	Kirk Russell.....	Malden	58	..	..
8.	Charlotte P. Merriam.....	Cambridge.....	63	6	8
9.	May Jane Wheeler.....	Medford.....	69	8	8
10.	Ruth A. Richardson.....	Boscawen.....	84	8	..

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

Names of Persons Paying Dog Tax for the Year 1896

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| 1. Charles H. Shed, | 29. Robert Scott, |
| 2. Lewis A. Crosby, | 30. Thomas Twomey, |
| 3. Isaac Hopkinson, | 31. John H. Foster, |
| 4. Everett Hawes, | 32. P. Kennelley, |
| 5. Jason Hutchins, | 33. Harry J. Gay, |
| 6. Arthur Dodge, | 34. Sarah M. Woods, |
| 7. E. J. Hill, | 35. J. N. Parker, |
| 8. William Simonds, | 36. J. N. Parker, |
| 9. D. R. Bigelow, | 37. Hugh Coulter, |
| 10. Mrs. J. M. Bailey, | 38. Wayland W. Wilson, |
| 11. J. G. Bailey, | 39. H. W. Sheldon, |
| 12. Edgar P. Sellow, | 40. Daniel Holt, |
| 13. Aaron Pasho, | 41. Warren Richardson, |
| 14. George Moore, | 42. Warren Richardson, |
| 15. William H. Sprowl, | 43. James C. Pickering, |
| 16. Thomas Keating, | 44. Olin Fuller, |
| 17. W. S. Letteney, | 45. C. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., |
| 18. John Stahle, | 46. Hugh Sherry, |
| 19. C. C. Walker, | 47. Michael McGlone, |
| 20. H. W. Essex, | 48. Sylvester Beard, |
| 21. John A. Richardson, | 49. Dennis O'Keefe, |
| 22. A. D. Stanton, | 50. John Newell, |
| 23. E. J. Sanborn, | 51. Irving England, |
| 24. H. B. Richardson, | 52. C. O. Shedd, |
| 25. William H. Gannon, | 53. A. Benson, |
| 26. Fred C. Smith, | 54. Lillian C. Sargent, |
| 27. William F. Symmes, | 55. Robert J. King, |
| 28. Louisa Haigh, | 56. M. L. White, |

57. Stephen Lynde,
58. Thomas Clark,
59. Caroline Barker,
60. Frank Hibbard,
61. John F. Buckley,
62. H. A. Dutton,
63. H. A. Dutton,
64. A. Rosenthal,
65. F. R. Lewis,
66. Edwin Manning,
67. Voluntine Rollins,
68. Richard J. Conway,
69. Edward O'Toole,
70. John Ormrod,
71. A. F. Ingalls,
72. L. Spencer,
73. Charles Collins,
74. Amy Putney,
75. George F. Colson,
76. J. C. Crawford,
77. A. Woodward,
78. M. J. McElligott,
79. M. O. Ruth,
80. M. C. Mitchell,
81. George R. Herrick,
82. James Barrington,
83. D. J. Folsom,
84. Roger Barrington,
85. Freeman J. Smith,
86. Robert Grant,
87. James Ellis,
88. Mrs. Cullinan,
89. Mrs. Cullinan,
90. Thos. Kittredge,
91. James Potts,
92. George Harnden,
93. F. H. Parker,
94. Bernard Nugent,
95. E. A. Hall,
96. Thomas P. Bowers,
97. Annie Nicklas,
98. Andrew Morrissey,
99. Albert Stearns,
100. Henry S. Pihl,
101. John G. Bailey,
102. John G. Bailey,
103. Michael Harrington,
104. George P. Greenwood,
105. John E. Bottomley,
106. J. H. O'Brien,
107. Josiah Wright,
108. R. B. Holden,
109. Corlin E. Gleason,
110. M. C. Murphy,
111. Charles Randlett,
112. Truman G. Messer,
113. O. A. Fletcher,
114. Orrin Maybury,
115. William H. Holland,
116. Martin Dickey,
117. E. R. Fowler,
118. A. J. Derby,
119. Alden O. Dane,
120. J. Williams,
121. J. B. Holden,
122. J. B. Holden,
123. L. W. Holden,
124. B. H. Wanson,

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| 125. George Lord, | 144. Henry J. Mahoney, |
| 126. Thomas Talbot, | 145. A. Bottomley, |
| 127. Thomas Talbot, | 146. Ben Walker, |
| 128. Thomas Talbot, | 147. George Fairbrother, |
| 129. Jos. F. Talbot, | 148. John P. Gregware, |
| 130. Jos. F. Talbot, | 149. Martin Conway, |
| 131. George Conleys, | 150. L. W. Buckley, |
| 132. A. L. Murphy, | 151. P. Mahoney, |
| 133. Thomas M. Harrigan, | 152. F. S. Clark, |
| 134. B. Kearney, | 153. Benjamin Spaulding, |
| 135. Thomas Haslan, | 154. Joseph Brebant, |
| 136. Warren Shedd, | 155. William H. Marston, |
| 137. Warren Shedd, | 156. Albert Lakeman, |
| 138. Warren Shedd, | 157. Peter Dolan, |
| 139. Theodore Faulcon, | 158. John Sullivan, |
| 140. Daniel Lane, | 159. William Stewart, |
| 141. Frank Roame, | 160. J. N. Pardee, |
| 142. John Finnegan, | 161. D. Callahan, |
| 143. Lewis H. Holden, | 162. Lon Belisle. |

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There has been eight inmates at the almshouse most of the year. There has been one death, and one has been discharged. There are six remaining at the present time.

Number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse the past year, 415. Their ages are from nineteen to seventy-nine. The average age is thirty-two years. Their occupations are as follows: One hundred and fifty-one laborers; the remaining 264 are mechanics of various trades, blacksmiths, stonecutters and machinists and other trades

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To appraisal of personal property Feb. 13,	
1896.....	\$4,277 95
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer	1,731 08
	\$6,009 03
To appraisal of personal property Feb. 12,	
1897.....	\$4,421 50
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer.....	2,090 28
	6,511 78
Balance in favor of almshouse.....	\$502 75
Expenditures at almshouse for the year.....	\$3,135 22
Receipts at the almshouse for the year.....	2,090 28
	\$1,044 94
Appropriation for the almshouse for the year.	1,000 00
Amount overdrawn.....	\$44 94

SEARS J. COOK,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH,

Overseers of Poor

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1896.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife, Superintendent and Matron	\$42 00
John Richardson, labor.....	7 00
J. Baker, fresh fish	17 70
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	52 13
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries.....	17 02
P. M. Jefferson & Co., soap.....	16 50
P. M. O'Neil, sugar, etc.....	18 02
Martin & Langley, grate for stove.....	1 25
Swett & Co., employment bureau.....	1 00
J. G. Birtwell, meat	8 93
J. G. Birtwell, meat	4 20
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	3 26
sundry bills.....	2 55
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	\$191 56

APRIL.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
John Driscoll, labor	17 63
John H. Phillips, labor.....	11 70
John H. Phillips, labor.....	4 00
Harry McDonald, labor	3 38
William H. Spaulding & Co., paints and oils.....	31 14
T. M. O'Neil, groceries	13 53
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain	31 25
William H. Spaulding & Co., paints	1 50
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries.....	13 40
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain, etc.....	19 60
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain, etc.....	4 20
Talbot Chemical Co., potash.....	1 75
S. C. Sherley, medicines.....	9 15
Dr. O. A. Flint, medical attendance, 1896	37 50
sundry bills.....	7 87
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	\$249 60

MAY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Thomas Coughlin, labor.....	15 36
Michael Collins, labor	9 24
Louis J. King, labor.....	4 50
John S. Cook, labor.....	3 00
John H. Phillips, labor.....	3 08
John Driscoll, labor.....	2 70
Frank Laton, labor.....	3 00
Swett & Co., employment office.....	1 00
L. C. Hall, ashes.....	2 21
H. L. Shedd, fertilizers.....	39 45
George Hall, mason work.....	6 25
O. L. Fuller, one cow.....	25 00
L. C. Hall, ashes.....	2 28
Talbot Chemical Co., potash.....	1 80
Burnham & Co, lumber.....	3 62
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain.....	12 50
F. A. Morey, groceries, etc.....	21 01
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	10 02
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	36 27
James Barrington, carpenter work.....	17 92
John E. Rowell, two pigs.....	7 00
Sundry bills.....	3 42
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	\$272 63

JUNE.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Thomas Coughlin, labor.....	15 55
Michael Collins, labor.....	10 50
Dr. Flint, truss for Quimby.....	1 75
E. N. Wood, grass seed.....	94
J. H. Swett, repairing wagon.....	8 00
Wm. H. Parker & Son, manure.....	23 90
Mrs. Jennie Perry, groceries.....	15 83
H. L. Shedd, fertilizers	19 45
Thomas Spaulding, grafting.....	5 25
Thomas Harrigan, painting.....	5 00

Paid C. B. Coburn & Co., paints.....	4 85
Michael Collins, labor.....	5 76
S. K. Dexter, flour, butter and lard.....	16 13
Thomas Coughlin, labor.....	6 16
Howe Lumber Co., plank.....	2 65
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	8 10
Lewis J. King, labor.....	4 00
Fred H. Parker, potatoes.....	4 50
J. G. Burtwell, meat.....	5 99
Sundry small bills.....	12 63
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	\$218 94

JULY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Michael Collins, labor....	18 00
Thomas Coughlin, labor.....	10 00
John Harrington, labor.....	15 75
John Williams, labor.....	6 00
Mrs. Jennie Perry, groceries.....	13 86
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	11 39
W. C. Phillips, grain, two months.....	62 86
F. A. Morey, groceries, &c.....	5 98
J. P. Stewart, blacksmith.....	2 40
O. A. Dane, crackers and bread.....	2 30
G. M. Teel, fish....	7 50
W. H. Spaulding & Co., paint and oil.....	2 86
S. C. Shirley, medicines.....	4 55
A. Parsons, blacksmith.....	7 70
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	2 73
John E. Bull, clothing.....	1 55
W. C. Phillips coal.....	60 96
Dennis Mahoney, pigs.....	16 00
J. C. Parker, money drawn to pay Mr. Perry bill No. 10, 1896.....	1 00
Cook, Taylor & Co., dry goods.....	3 87
Sundry small bills....	5 36
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	\$304 62

AUGUST.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	42 00
Nellie Casey, labor.....	7 68
Michael Collins, labor.....	18 00
John Harrington, labor.....	18 00
John Williams, labor.....	6 00
Charles Woods, labor.....	1 43
M. V. Dickey, labor.....	12 00
D. A. Bigelow, crackers.....	2 80
George E. Jones, one cow.....	55 00
Swett & Co., employment office.....	1 00
Fred H. Parker, tea, sugas, etc.....	33 78
E. N. Wood & Co., grass seed.....	3 64
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	34 65
Johnson Brothers, ham.....	2 10
Pratt & Forrest, lumber.....	1 45
French & Puffer, crockery.....	1 95
Bill of items.....	1 35

 \$242 83

SEPTEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Nellie Casey, labor.....	10 72
John Harrington, labor.....	19 50
Michael Collins, labor.....	18 00
James Burnes, labor.....	5 25
Mrs. Jennie Perry, groceries.....	6 55
Swinnington Bros., repairing stove.....	2 25
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	9 87
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain.....	3 05
Bartlett & Dow, hardware and seeds.....	16 23
T. M. Harrigan, labor.....	2 00
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	28 59
M. McGlone, standing grass.....	15 00
Sundry small bills.....	4 59

 \$183 60

OCTOBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Michael Collins, labor.....	18 00
John Harrington, labor.....	20 25
Nellie Casey, labor.....	11 08
James Sullivan, labor.....	1 50
T. M. Harrigan, labor.....	6 00
Edward Lasua, labor.....	5 00
W. C. Phillips, gram.....	49 65
F. W. Cheney, hardware and grass seed.....	13 89
W. H. Hutching, pasturing cattle.....	11 00
J. G. Burtwell, meat.....	19 17
J. Stewart, repairing pump.....	75
S. K. Dexter, flour, butter and lard.....	12 00
A. O. Dane, crackers.....	2 10
W. H. Spaulding & Co., paints and oil.....	1 44
Swett & Co., employment office.....	1 00
Johnson Bros., ham.....	2 09
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	2 00
H. A. Shipley, crackers.....	2 00
D. R. Bigelow, crackers, etc.....	2 40
F. A. Tuttle, meat, groceries, etc., from May 1, 1894, to Oct. 28, 1896.....	196 07
Sundry small bills.....	10 91
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	\$430 30

NOVEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	42 00
Michael Collins, labor.....	18 00
Maggie Donally, labor.....	8 58
J. H. Phillips, labor.....	3 00
T. M. Harigan, labor.....	3 00
Cook, Taylor & Co., dry goods.....	5 76
W. C. Phillips & Co., shorts.....	119 85
Hildreth Bros., repairing horse power.....	28 00
Hildreth Bros., repairs for horse power.....	7 00
H. L. Shedd, fertilizers.....	9 83
F. H. Parker, groceries.....	2 02

Paid G. M. Teel, fresh fish.....	\$12 31
D. R. Bigelow, crackers.....	2 45
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	32 68
Sundry small bills.....	8 08
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	\$302 56

DECEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Maggie Donelly, labor	6 14
Michael Collins, labor.....	18 00
Michael Feeney, labor.....	2 00
Dr. W. S. Eaton, doctoring cow.....	4 00
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	16 39
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries.....	20 53
E. Baker, killing hogs.....	4 00
Swett & Co., employment office.....	1 00
W. F. Symmes, making cider.....	3 87
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	14 65
A. O. Dane, crackers.....	2 40
J. E. Bull, dry goods	3 71
J. E. Bull, dry goods	3 70
Fred. H. Parker, sugar, flour, etc.....	20 27
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain.....	21 36
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	1 00
Granville Coburn, 2 cows.....	75 00
G. M. Teel, fish	4 54
Holden Bros., meat and groceries.....	72 00
Bill of items.....	3 00
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	\$339 56

JANUARY, 1897.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Maggie Donelly, labor	11 08
A. F. Tucker, labor.....	7 08
Michael Collins, labor.....	2 25
F. H. Parker, groceries	15 86
T. O'Niel, groceries.....	22 82
A. O. Dane, crackers.....	2 50

Paid W. H. Spaulding & Co., paints and oils.....	\$1 55
Robert Barris, harness work	18 05
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain	7 75
A. Parsons, blacksmith work.....	9 60
Martin & Langley, tin ware.....	7 31
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	12 25
W. S. Eaton, doctoring cow	2 00
C. E. Munn, doctoring cow.....	2 00
Swett & Co., employment office.....	1 00
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	10 88
Sundry small bills.....	2 43
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	\$178 41

FEBRUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Maggie Dononly, labor.....	10 00
A. H. Tucker, labor.....	22 00
A. O. Dane, crackers.....	2 40
Cook, Taylor & Co., dry goods.....	3 75
Armour & Co., beef.....	7 20
T. M. Harrigan, disinfecter, &c.....	1 50
P. M. Jefferson, soap.....	24 75
A. G. Stiles & Co., grain.....	20 99
J. C. Glidden, boots and shoes.....	21 30
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries.....	12 31
Baptist society, pew rent.....	5 00
C. W. Parsons, ice and blacksmith bill.....	45 71
Bill of items.....	1 70
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	\$220 61

SALES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1896.

Received for milk.....	\$104 28
eggs.....	11 59
poultry.....	4 14
vegetables.....	1 00
one pig.....	13 00
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	\$134 01

APRIL.

Received for milk.....	\$105 74
board.....	24 00
one calf.....	2 50
vegetables.....	10 37
eggs.....	19 39
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	\$162 00

MAY.

Received for milk.....	\$81 41
hay.....	39 80
poultry.....	2 60
cow and calf.....	19 00
vegetables.....	3 43
eggs.....	6 94
labor.....	3 00
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	\$156 18

JUNE.

Received for milk.....	\$99 63
hay.....	38 25
vegetables.....	19 17
eggs.....	11 74
calf.....	12 00
labor.....	1 00
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	\$181 79

JULY.

Received for milk	\$89 63
eggs.....	14 14
labor.....	4 00
vegetables.....	4 10
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	\$111 87

AUGUST.

Received for milk	\$75 96
vegetables	18 74
eggs.....	2 37
hay	5 50
one calf.....	1 75
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	\$104 32

SEPTEMBER.

Received for milk.....	\$77 09
fruit and vegetables.....	59 10
eggs.....	8 69
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	\$144 88

OCTOBER.

Received for milk.....	\$79 31
eggs.....	7 82
calves.....	15 50
fruit and vegetables.....	88 19
from F. A. Tuttle, for vegetables and eggs, from May 1, 1894, to October 28, 1896....	99 50
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	\$290 32

NOVEMBER.

Received for milk	\$90 26
hay	5 30
eggs....	9 92
fruit and vegetables.....	35 43
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	\$140 91

DECEMBER.

Received for milk	\$80 46
fruit and vegetables	82 93
cows	80 00
one bull	35 00
calves	8 00
eggs	13 92
pork	24 30
poultry	5 25
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	\$329 86

JANUARY, 1897.

Received for milk	\$79 82
one cow	25 00
one calf	7 00
pork	6 55
eggs	2 81
apples and vegetables	17 57
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	\$138 75

FEBRUARY.

Received for milk	\$103 57
eggs	11 42
wood	8 50
board	17 50
vegetables	4 40
sand	50 00
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	\$195 39

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN
FARM.—FEBRUARY 12, 1897.

Fifteen cows.....	\$650 00
Two calves.....	12 00
Three heifers.....	45 00
Three horses.....	350 00
One ton of straw.....	15 00
Thirty tons of hay.....	550 00
Fifty-two tons of ensilage.....	208 00
Grain	130 00
Manure	225 00
Eleven bushels of beans.....	11 00
Two barrels of pop corn.....	6 00
Six tons of coal.....	42 00
Wood.....	125 00
Lumber.....	45 00
Ice.....	60 00
One hundred and seventy hens.....	125 00
Harnesses.....	70 00
Blankets and Robes.....	20 00
One two-horse spring wagon.....	70 00
One one-horse farm wagon.....	45 00
One one-horse market wagon.....	70 00
Concord and covered wagons.....	55 00
Three carts.....	140 00
Manure spreader.....	30 00
One pung	20 00
Two sleds.....	30 00
One horse power.....	60 00
Corn planter and seed sower.....	20 00
Ensilage cutters and carrier.....	75 00
One mowing machine.....	20 00
One weeder	15 00
Farming tools.....	150 00
Hay fork and ropes.....	30 00

One derrick, blocks and ropes.....	\$75 00
Wheels, boxes, bags and barrels.....	20 00
Ice tools.....	8 00
Chest and tools.....	8 00
Paints and brushes.....	7 00
Garden seeds.....	4 00
One hay tedder and horse rake.....	38 00
Vinegar and casks.....	48 00
Vegetables and apples	64 00
Beef, pork and hams.....	33 00
Butter and lard.....	9 00
Soap.....	10 50
Groceries.....	37 00
Drugs and medicines.....	5 00
Furniture in superintendent's rooms.....	110 00
Furniture in inmates' rooms.....	190 00
Blankets and comforters.....	25 00
Sheets, table linen and towels.....	30 00
Kitchen furniture and cooking utensils.....	70 00
Earthen, glass and stone ware.....	30 00
Knives, forks and spoons.....	10 00
Lanterns, lamps and cans.....	9 00
Milk dishes.....	10 00
Contents of attic.....	40 00
Contents of tramp house.....	12 00

\$4,421 50

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board for Mary Morrissey	\$169 92
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, board for Elizabeth Hintrea	94 15
to Dr. O. A. Flint, for medical attendance on town's poor, from April 1, 1895 to April 1, 1896.....	37 50
aid rendered Lawrence Bohonnan.....	33 00
Michael Collins and family.....	147 32
Thomas Degnan.....	25 29
Mrs. Kiley and Mary Donovan	130 96
John F. Houlton.....	2 00
James B. Doyle and family.....	10 62
Edward Keyes and family.....	130 04
Mrs. Maria Russell.....	25 86
medical attendance and board for Edward Barker..	103 00
on Mary J. Murphy.....	3 75
aid rendered John Houlton.....	8 00
to Winafod McManara.....	5 00
to Henry Hellsweth and family	3 75
medical attendance and board for Amandy Shephard	19 00
aid rendered Mrs. Annie Aham.....	35 26
aid rendered William Austin, Sr.....	40 07
aid rendered Josephine Austin and child.....	81 25
medical attendance in hospital, bill for George Austin.....	6 00
medical attendance on the Harper family.....	5 10
Total.....	\$1,116 84

Cash received from Amandy Shephard.....	\$19 00
State of Massachusetts..	5 10
Town of Methuen.....	75 75

Cash due from Town of Methuen.....	51 57	
City of Lowell.....	35 26	
	<hr/>	\$186 68
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		\$930 16
Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
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Balance unexpended.....	\$69 84	
Unpaid bills.....	\$319 48	

SEARS J. COOK,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH,

Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Money received during the year and credited to the following appropriations:

Balance on hand March 1, 1896..... \$386 57

1895 ACCOUNTS.

Received from the town of Methuen, 1895 bill....	5 00
City of Lowell, 1895 bills.....	205 56
State half of cattle inspector's salary, 1895	128 79
H. C. Brown, Collector, 1893, 1894 taxes.	835 10
A. H. Jones, Collector, 1895 taxes.....	4.940 23

1896 ACCOUNTS.

Schools:

Received for tuition of Tewksbury child....	\$2 00	
from state on account of superin-		
tendent's salary.....	625 00	
from state income, State School		
Fund.....	208 39	
from County, on account of dog tax	298 11	
	-----	1,133 50

Highways:

Received from G. C. Crosby, Supt., work on		
sidewalks.....	37 00	
from G. C. Crosby, Supt., for ser-		
vices of superintendent and		
teams on road, Jones' Corner		
to Fordway Bridge.....	96 00	
from G. C. Crosby, Supt., for ma-		
terials sold.....	35 40	
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Outside Relief:

Received from John Shephard, amount paid by town to		
St. John's Hospital for care of Mrs. Shephard.....		19 00

Town Farm :

Received from J. C. Parker, Supt., for sales at Farm during year.....	2,114 28
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Interest :

Received from Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, interest on deposit	71 77
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Incidentals :

Received from E. W. Livingston, use of hall.	176 00	
School appropriation, for ser- vices of janitor, 1895, Union Hall.....	96 00	
G. E. Stearns, auctioneer's license	4 00	
Clerk Police Court, fines, etc., due town.....	21 00	
State, on account of Fire Mar- shall.....	3 00	
E. W. Livingston, car fare re- turned	1 90	
Hutchins & Wilson, half re- ceipts of hay scales.....	40 35	
F. A. Morey, half receipts of hay scales	10 80	
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Constable, janitor and police :

Received from school appropriation for services of jani- tor, Union Hall school.....	40 00
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Sidewalks :

Received from J. A. Richardson, half cost of repairing walk	25 00
Received from Town of Methuen, amount expended by town for Austin family.....	75 75
Received from State of Massachusetts, amount expended by town for state paupers.....	24 85
Received from State of Massachusetts, corporation and bank tax.....	4,791 73
Received from State of Massachusetts for state aid paid by town in 1895.....	917 00

Anticipation of tax notes:

Borrowed on town notes, by authority of vote, March 16,	
1896	13,000 00

Loan to repair corner bridge:

Borrowed on town notes, by authority of vote, August	
1896	2,500 00

Received from Lowell Rendering Co., for Town Farm	
land sold.....	2,500 00

Received from A. H. Jones, Collector 1896 taxes.....	21,090 58
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Total receipts.....	\$55,326 16
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Money paid out:

Paid approved bills during the year and charged to the following appropriations:

1895 ACCOUNT.

Balance, Cattle Inspector's salary, 1895.....	\$29 24
street lighting, 1895.....	125 00
Paid Tax Collector's salary 1894, on account.....	60 00

1896 ACCOUNT.

Schools.....	8,622 89
Highways.....	4,212 44
Fire Department.....	1,285 65
Outside Relief.....	949 16
Bridges.....	91 40
Town Farm.....	3,159 22
Town Debt.....	3,000 00
Incidentals.....	1,382 15
Constable, Janitor and Police.....	1,208 00
State and County Tax.....	3,418 64
Cattle Inspector's salary.....	340 13
Salary, Registrar.....	45 00
Selectmen.....	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00
Overseers of the Poor.....	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00

Salary, Town Clerk.....	\$150 00
Town Treasurer	250 00
Tax Collector.....	250 00
Election Officers.....	98 00
Fish Wardens.....	100 00
Soldier's relief.....	47 60
Cemeteries	123 50
Sidewalks	102 11
Common.....	75 00
Sinking fund and bond interest.....	2,000 00
Board of Health.....	24 50
Veterans	75 00
Street Lighting.....	600 00
Straightning and widening road from Jones' corner to Fordway bridge.....	450 62
Water Commissioners.....	611 19
Special appropriation for G. E. Spaulding and B. F. Walker	25 50
State Aid.....	786 00
Interest	1,708 44
Repairs, Corner bridge.....	2,240 04
Town notes (anticipation tax).....	12,000 00
Tax abatements, A. H. Jones, 1895.....	390 82
Bills receivable. Bought with money received from Lowell Rendering Company. Town note dated Dec. 3, 1896, which was issued to pay repairs on Corner bridge.....	2,500 00
Paid for relief of poor and charged to town of Methuen..	127 32
relief of poor and charged to state.....	5 10
relief of poor and charged to city of Lowell....	35 26
Total expenditures.....	\$53,709 92
Balance	1,616 24
	<hr/> \$55,326 16

JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

E. B. COLBY,
SIDNEY A. BULL,
R. T. PERRY,

Auditors.

REPORTS OF TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER, FEB. 29, 1897.

Bowers Fund, for care of worthy poor.....	\$13,672 51
Joseph Stearns Bequest, for care of worthy poor.....	2,000 00
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	\$15,672 51
Thompson Fund, Fox Hill Cemetery.....	1,143 02
Calvin Rogers, North Cemetery.....	516 79
Sweetser Fund, care of lot in South Cemetery.....	1,134 49
Betsy Cowdry Fund, care of lot in North Cemetery....	50 00
Abbott Singing Fund, teaching sacred music.....	1,400 00
Winthrop Faulkner Fund, Library.....	1,000 00
Gray Cemetery Fund, Fox Hill Cemetery	551 61
Shed Fund, care of lot in North Cemetery.....	102 00
Frost Fund, care of lot in Fox Hill Cemetery.....	102 00
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	\$21,672 42

JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

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Auditors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1897.

Balance, cash on hand Feb. 29, 1897.....	\$1,704 36
due from Tax Collector, 1894.....	144 45
Tax Collector, 1895.....	767 92
Tax Collector, 1896.....	6,296 87
Town of Methuen.....	51 57
City of Lowell.....	35 26
State, on account of Cattle Inspector's salary.....	180 00
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	\$9,120 43
Less town note, due April 1, 1897, borrowed in anticipation of taxes, 1896.....	\$1,000 00
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1894	40 00
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1895	100 00
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1896	100 00
Less amount due Cattle Inspector's salary, 1896.....	22 99
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	1,262 99
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Surplus, 1896.....	\$7,857 44

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

TOWN NOTES.

Payee.	Date.	Due.	Rate.	
Trustees Howe School	June 3, 1852.	1 year.	6 per ct.	\$1,000 00
Bowers Fund.....	Dec. 1, 1871.	Demand.	5 " "	5,960 00
" "	June 18, 1878.	"	5 " "	400 00
" "	May 15, 1874.	"	5 " "	800 00
Trustees Howe School	July 12, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Aug. 13, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Sept. 11, 1879.	"	6 " "	1,500 00
" " "	Mar. 20, 1880.	"	6 " "	1,400 00
" " "	Aug. 4, 1880.	"	6 " "	500 00
*Bowers Fund.....	Nov. 3, 1885.	"	5 " "	2,000 00
†State of Mass.....	Jan. 25, 1892.	1898.	4½ " "	1,000 00
† " " "	" " 1892.	1899.	4½ " "	1,000 00
‡Orthod'x Cong'l Soc'y	Oct. 9, 1893.	1897.	5 " "	500 00
‡ " " "	" 9, 1893.	1898.	5 " "	500 00
‡John Fisk.....	" 18, 1893.	1897.	6 " "	500 00
§Payable to bearer....	Aug. 1, 1895.	1897.	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " "	" " 1895.	1898.	4 " "	1,000 00
|| Trustees Howe School	Dec. 19, 1895.	1898.	5 " "	500 00
|| " " " .....	" 19, 1895.	1899.	5 " "	1,000 00
|| " " " .....	" 19, 1895.	1900.	5 " "	1,000 00
§Payable to bearer....	Feb. 1, 1896.	1899.	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " "	" " 1896.	1900.	4 " "	1,000 00
¶Town Treas....	Dec. 3, 1896.	1897.	no in't.	2,500 00
Floating debt Feb. 29, 1897.....				\$28,060 00
Less surplus.....				7,857 44
Bonded debt, New Town Hall.....		\$30,000 00		\$20,202 56
Less Sinking Fund payments.....		1,670 00		
		\$28,330 00		\$28,330 00

Net indebtedness of Town, Feb. 29, 1897.....\$48,532 56

OBJECT OF LOANS: * School No. Billerica. † Pollard School. ‡ Fordway Bridge
§ 1894 Deficiency. || Furnishing New Town Hall. ¶ Repairing Corner Bridge.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

Selectmen of Billerica.

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

1893.

Balance uncollected March 1, 1896.....	\$27 08	
Interest.....	2 96	
	<hr/>	\$30 04
Abated.....	58	
Paid Treasurer.....	29 46	
	<hr/>	\$30 04

Billerica, Mass., March 1, 1897.

H. C. BROWN, *Collector.*

1894.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1896.....	\$951 13	
Interest collected.....	44 54	
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Total.....		\$995 67

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Abated.....	\$45 68	
Paid Treasurer.....	805 54	
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	\$851 22	
Balance uncollected.....	144 45	
	<hr/>	\$995. 67

Billerica, Mass., March 1, 1897.

H. C. BROWN, *Collector.*

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Nathaniel F. Bruce.....	\$10 45
Leonard Blood.....	2 00
Warren J. Blood.....	2 00
John C. Crawford.....	2 05
Marcus M. Cowdry.....	1 64

Stephen E. Cann.....	\$3 10
William T. Clark.....	2 00
A. T. Dane.....	2 00
Mrs. Mary Dalton.....	1 10
Geo. Durston.....	2 00
Daniel N. Duren.....	4 34
Timothy Hayes.....	2 00
Forrest H. Lynde.....	2 00
Eugene Mabury.....	2 00
William C. Moore.....	2 55
Paul F. Nason.....	2 00
Carl E. Schult.....	23
Mrs. Agnes Sheldon.....	1 56
Francis E. Faxon.....	33
Daniel P. Shaw.....	33
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	\$45 68

1895.

Total tax for 1895.....	\$31,391 93
Interest collected.....	79 34
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	\$31,471 27
Paid Treasurer.....	30,763 35
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Balance uncollected.....	\$707 92

A. H. JONES, *Collector*.

1896.

Total tax for 1896.....	\$27,387 45
Paid Treasurer.....	21,090 58
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Balance uncollected.....	\$6,296 87

A. H. JONES, *Collector*.

LIST OF ABATEMENTS FOR 1895.

J. M. Bailey.....	\$2 00
E. A. Barker.....	2 00
James Brown.....	2 00
Allan Bottomley.....	1 68

Heirs of Mrs. E. C. and S. Baldwin.....	\$26 47
Miss E. C. Baldwin.....	10 08
Andrew Benson.....	42
Heirs of John Baldwin.....	20 66
Heirs of Nathaniel Bruce.....	8 40
John F. Bicknell.....	2 00
John Crawford.....	2 00
Thomas Casson.....	2 00
James Coulter.....	2 00
Patrick Carroll.....	2 00
S. Cann.....	3 26
Michael Collins.....	14 18
Chester Duren.....	2 00
Heirs of Henry Duren (error).....	6 05
Eugene Dix.....	2 00
Daniel N. Duren.....	5 78
John Fisk.....	8 40
Gay & Waterhouse.....	1 85
Peter Garvin.....	2 00
Lawrence Gannon.....	67
Loring Gleason.....	2 00
George Geyott.....	2 00
Patrick Higgins.....	2 00
Andrew Hackett.....	2 00
John Hogan.....	2 00
Wm. H. Hutchins (error).....	3 78
James Hamilton.....	3 34
Wm. A. Hibbard.....	2 00
Miss Martha Hussey (error).....	9 24
Henry Hutchins.....	4 20
Charles J. Hayes.....	17
J. W. Hoyt.....	2 00
Henry M. Hutchins, Jr.....	2 00
George Halstead.....	2 00
A. H. Jones.....	2 89
Heirs of Judith Jones.....	24 81
Miss Hannah Kohlrausch.....	26
Wm. Latham.....	2 00
John Lyons.....	2 00
George Miller.....	1 67

Edw. Miller.....	\$2 00
William McKee.....	2 00
William McNulty	2 00
Owen Murningham, 2nd.....	2 00
Heirs of John Moore.....	1 68
James Miller.....	2 00
John McDonald.....	2 00
P. H. Nolan.....	2 00
James O'Neil.....	2 00
James O'Brien.....	2 00
Walter C. Prentiss.....	2 00
J. N. Parker.....	27 92
William Patterson.....	2 00
Herbert Putney.....	1 01
Mrs. Luvia Page.....	33 60
Mrs. Hannah Putney.....	7 14
Warren Rollins.....	7 71
F. H. Rosenthal.....	2 00
C. E. Robinson.....	2 00
Mrs. Clara Sexton.....	1 18
Charles Sheafe.....	2 84
James Sutcliffe.....	84
Mrs. Agnes Sheldon.....	42
Oscar Spencer.....	2 00
James Swinehammer	2 00
Herbert W. Sheldon.....	9 24
William Smith.....	2 00
Joseph Tufts.....	50
R. H. Vickery.....	3 18
Samuel Tucker.....	3 68
George I. Waterhouse.....	2 00
John Carter (Woburn).....	7 52
Francis Faxon (Boston)	50
Daniel Gage (Lowell).....	23 52
Richard Hanna (Tewksbury)	1 68
William Manning (Chelmsford).....	16 80
Daniel P. Shaw (Nashua, N. H.).....	50
Charles Starboard.....	2 42
Talbot Manufacturing Company.....	66
Total	<hr/> \$390 82

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, including dog tax.....	\$8,000 00	
State fund.....	208 39	
State fund, on account Superintendent.....	625 00	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,835 39
Expenditures		8,622 89
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Balance unexpended.....		\$212 50

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation.....	\$4,500 00	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	168 40	
	<hr/>	\$4,668 40
Expenditures		4,212 44
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Balance unexpended.....		\$455 96

BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00	
Expenditures.....	91 40	
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Balance unexpended.....		\$8 60

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$ 800 00	
Expenditures.....	1,285 65	
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Amount overdrawn.....		\$485 65

TOWN FARM.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	1,044 94
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Amount overdrawn.....	\$44 94

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Appropriation.....		\$1,000 00
Expenditures.....	\$1,116 84	
Received from other towns.....	\$80 85	
Due from other towns.....	86 83	
Received from John Sheppard.....	19 00	
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		930 16
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Balance unexpended.....		\$69 84

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Appropriation.....	\$3,500 00
Expenditures.....	3,418 64
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Balance unexpended.....	\$81 36

COMMON.

Appropriation.....	\$75 00
Expenditures.....	75 00

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
Receipts.....	353 05
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	\$1,853 05
Expenditures.....	1,382 15
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Balance unexpended.....	\$470 90

INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$1,700 00
Receipts.....	\$71 77
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	\$1,771 77
Expenditures.....	1,708 44
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Balance unexpended.....	\$63 33

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00	
Receipts	40 00	\$1,240 00
Expenditures		1,208 00
Balance unexpended		\$32 00

SELECTMEN.

Appropriation	\$375 00
Expenditures	375 00

ASSESSORS.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Expenditures	250 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation	\$180 00
Expenditures	180 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Expenditures	200 00

TOWN CLERK.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Expenditures	150 00

TREASURER.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Expenditures	250 00

TAX COLLECTOR.

Appropriation	\$350 00
Expenditures	250 00
Balance unexpended	\$100 00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expenditures	98 00
Balance unexpended	\$2 00

SOLDERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expenditures	47 60
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Balance unexpended	\$52 40

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation	\$275 00
Expenditures	252 01
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Balance unexpended	\$22 99

REGISTRARS.

Appropriation	\$45 00
Expenditures	45 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Expenditures	123 50
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Balance unexpended	\$26 50

FISH WARDEN.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expenditures	100 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Expenditures	600 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Receipts	25 00
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Expenditures	102 11
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Balance unexpended	\$122 89

STRAIGHTENING ROAD — JONES CORNER TO FORDWAY.

Appropriation	\$450 00
Expenditures	450 62
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Amount overdrawn	62

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation	\$700 00
Expenditures.....	611 19
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Balance unexpended	88 81

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS.

Appropriation.....	\$25 50
Expenditures, Gardner E. Spaulding.....	\$21 00
Benj. Walker.....	4 50
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	\$25 50

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
Expenditures.....	24 50
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Balance unexpended.....	\$25 50

SINKING FUND AND BOND INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Expenditures	2,000 00

DEBT APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Expenditures	3,000 00

REPAIRING CORNER BRIDGE.

Appropriation.....	\$2,500 00
Expenditures	2,240 04
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Balance unexpended	259 96

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Balance, 1895.....	32 26
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	\$107 26
Expenditures	107 26

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Billerica, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the several town officers, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. B. COLBY,
R. T. PERRY,
SIDNEY A. BULL,
Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the year ending February 28, 1897.

The Assessors of the Town of Billerica submit the following report. We find, in making our appraisal for the year 1896, an increase on real estate, \$26,068.00 ; and a decrease on personal estate, \$17,200.00.

Value of real estate May 1, 1896	\$1,472,001 00
Value of personal estate May 1, 1896	333,129 00
Total valuation	1,805,130 00
Rate of total tax per \$1000	14 50

Number of polls	615
dwelling houses	517
horses	441
cows	795
neat cattle other than cows	121
swine	100
sheep	27
fowls	2339

COBURN S. SMITH,
SEARS J. COOK,

Assessors of Billerica.

Names of Streets in Town of Billerica.

Main street, from Chelmsford line, running south to Burlington line, Billerica.

Lowell street, from Main street, running easterly to Elm street, No. Billerica.

Ham street, running easterly from Main to Corliss street, No. Billerica.

Corliss street, running from Fordway bridge, southwest to Winning street, No. Billerica.

Colson street, running south from Lowell street to Corliss street, No. Billerica.

Wilson street, running southwest from Elm street to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.

Talbot avenue, running south from Elm street to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.

Faulkner street, running easterly from Elm street to junction near railroad bridge, No. Billerica.

Pollard street, running south from Fordway bridge to Maine street, No. Billerica.

School street, running east from Faulkner street to railroad station, No. Billerica.

Railroad street, running south from railroad station to Mt. Pleasant street, No. Billerica.

Mt. Pleasant street, running east from Jane Faulkner's and Rogers street to High street, No. Billerica.

Billerica avenue, running north from Mt. Pleasant street to South Lowell, No. Billerica.

High street, running south from Tewksbury line to railroad bridge, No. Billerica.

- Russell street, running southwest from railroad bridge to Pollard street, No. Billerica.
- Call street, running east from Pollard street to Rogers street, No. Billerica.
- Elm street, running east from Colson street to Faulkner street, No. Billerica.
- Sheldon street, running east from High street to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.
- Frost street, running southeast from Sheldon street to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.
- Salem street, running southeast from Corner bridge to Wilmington line, Billerica.
- Floyd street, running east from June, Pollard and Main streets to Salem street, Billerica.
- Pond street, running southeasterly from Andover street to Mud Pond, Tewksbury line, Billerica.
- Andover street, running easterly from Main street to Tewksbury line, Billerica.
- Gray street, running north from Andover street to Tewksbury line, E. Billerica.
- King street, running easterly from Andover street to Salem street, E. Billerica.
- Patten street, running easterly from Salem street to Tewksbury line, E. Billerica.
- Carlisle street, running westerly from Main street to Carlisle line, No. Billerica.
- Washington street, running northerly from Main street to Chelmsford line, No. Billerica.
- Winning street, running westerly from Main street, Corner bridge to Carlisle line, No. Billerica.
- Parker street, running south from River street to Richardson street, Billerica.
- Richardson street, running east from Parker street to Whiting street, Billerica.

Whiting street, running south from Richardson street to Bedford street, Billerica.

Winter street, running westerly from Main street to Bedford street, Billerica.

Tufts street, running easterly from Main street to Jones' Farm, Billerica.

Lexington street, running south from Main street to Bedford line, Billerica.

Common street, running west from Main street to Bedford street, Billerica.

Merriam street, running south from Main street to Bedford line, Billerica.

Knowles street, running southwest from Merriam street to Lexington street, Billerica.

Chelmsford street, running south from Chelmsford line to Bedford line, W. Billerica.

River street, running westerly from Main street to Winning street, Billerica.

Woods street, running westerly from Winning street to Chelmsford street, W. Billerica.

Duren street, running westerly from Winning street to Carlisle street, W. Billerica.

Sullivan street, running northerly from Chelmsford street to Chelmsford line, near Wiley's house, W. Billerica.

Hayes street, running westerly from Winning street to Carlisle line, W. Billerica.

Hill street, running easterly from Bedford street to Bedford line, So. Billerica.

Turnpike street, running south from Bedford street to Lexington street, So. Billerica.

Stewart street, running westerly from Turnpike street, No. 4, to Stewart's house, So. Billerica.

Hannaford street, running southwest from Bedford street to Turnpike street, So. Billerica.

Manning street, running westerly from Lexington street to Bedford street, So. Billerica.

White street, running easterly from Main street to Allen street, So. Billerica.

Allen street, running northeasterly from Main street to Andover street, E. Billerica.

Cook street, running northeasterly from Main street to Wilmington line, E. Billerica.

Burlington street, running easterly from Cook street to Burlington line, E. Billerica.

Alexander street, running northeasterly from Cook street to Wilmington line, E. Billerica.

Baldwin street, running easterly from Allen street to Salem street, East Billerica.

The Committee have attended to duty in naming the streets, and bring this list before the town to be acted upon.

MARTIN CONWAY,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH,

Committee.

LOCATION OF GUIDE BOARDS.

Board at corner of Russell and Mount Pleasant streets, No. Billerica.

Board at corner of Tewksbury and Russell streets, No. Billerica.

Board at junction of Tewksbury and East Billerica road.

Board at junction of roads in woods leading from East Billerica to Tewksbury.

Board at East Billerica, leading to Pattenville.

Board at Deacon King's, leading to Andover, and another board leading to Lowell.

Board at Mrs. Page's, leading to Wilmington, and one at Mr. Hopkinson's, leading to Wilmington and Silver Lake.

Board at junction of Salem and Andover streets, leading to Salem and Centre of Billerica; one at junction of Salem and Whipple streets, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board at corner of Andover and Whipple streets, leading to East Billerica station and Centre.

Board opposite Fox Hill Cemetery, leading to Centre, Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Mr. Hall's, leading to Tewksbury, Andover and East Billerica.

Board at foot of hill near Cemetery Junction, leading to East Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington; one opposite Mr. E. Baker's, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board at watering trough in Centre, leading to Boston, Lowell and all adjoining towns.

Board near John Kittredge's, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board opposite Mrs. J. Knowles', leading to Bedford, to Lexington, and Arlington.

Board near Mr. D. L. Mason's, leading to Boston and Woburn ; also one leading to Tewksbury almshouse.

Board near Shawsheen River, leading to Lowell and Tewksbury.

Board south of river, leading to Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Dodge corner, leading to Lowell.

Board at Hill's Cemetery, leading to Bedford, Carlisle and Chelmsford.

Board at C. H. Hill's corner, leading to Bedford ; also one at South Billerica depot, leading to Bedford and Billerica.

Board at Cook place, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board corner Main and Lowell streets, leading to North Billerica, Lowell and Centre.

Board at J. Conlon's, leading to Chelmsford.

Board at Cowdry place, leading to Lowell, Chelmsford and Carlisle.

Board at Manning place, leading to West Billerica and Chelmsford.

Board near Woods' corner, leading to Boston, Concord and Lowell ;
one near Bailey place, leading to Billerica Centre and Lowell ;
one on Carlisle road, leading to Concord and Lowell.

Board corner Bridge, leading to West Billerica.

Board at Brown's corner, leading to Lowell and Boston.

Board at Preston's corner, one leading to Lowell.

Board corner Main and River streets, leading to Chelmsford, Carlisle and Concord.

Report of the Engineers of Fire Department.

To the Board of Selectmen :

The Board of Engineers beg leave to submit the following report: The Fire Department is in good condition, apparatus in good order, the companies are properly manned and well officered, ready for duty. The forest fires which we have had to contend with have been, owing to the dryness of the season, very hard to manage, the one at East Billerica being the worst in the history of the town, burning over several hundred acres and destroying large quantities of wood, standing and corded. While this fire cost the town a considerable sum of money, every one must admit that if it had not been for the Fire Department there is no knowing where or when it would have stopp'd, dwelling houses and hundreds of cords of standing and corded wood would have gone up in smoke. While we think the department is entitled to great credit for the laborious work performed at this and other forest fires, we are not unmindful of the fact that the citizens of the town responded to our call for help, and by their aid we were enabled to subdue the flames, for which we tender the thanks of the department. The past year has, perhaps, been an expensive one, but your Board of Engineers feel that the department has saved property many times in value to what it has cost. We would respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$1,000.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
LAWRENCE W. BUCKLEY,

Engineers of Billerica.

FIRES DURING THE YEAR.

April 15, 1896. Alarm 7 P. M., house of Steven Cann. Loss \$2,000.00.

May 8, 1896. Alarm 1.30 P. M., J. Hill, wood lot. Loss \$600.

May 10, 1896. 12 M., J. Hill, wood lot. Loss \$700.00.

May 13, 1896.	Alarm 1.30 P. M., East Billerica.	} Wood lot.		
May 14, 1896.	Alarm 12 M., " "		} Total	
May 15, 1896.	Alarm 1 P. M., " "			} loss
May 16, 1896.	Alarm 1.30 P. M., " "				} $2,000.00.

May 18, 1896. Alarm 11.30 A. M., Barrett Road. Loss small.

May 18, 1896. Alarm 9.30 A. M., East Billerica.

May 18, 1896. Alarm 11.30 A. M., J. Hill, wood lot. Loss \$150.00.

June 5, 1896. Alarm 12.30 P. M., J. N. Parker, wood lot. Loss \$10.00.

August 14, 1896. Alarm 3.30 A. M., Harrington buildings. Loss \$2,800.00. Insured \$2,100.00.

August 28, 1896. Alarm, slight fire in wool room Talbot mill. No loss.

November 23, 1896. Alarm 6 A. M., buildings K. E. Curley. Loss \$700.00. Insured \$500.00.

December 9, 1896. Alarm 9 A. M., J. M. Bailey, still alarm. Loss \$600.00. Insured \$400.00.

EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$800.

Offutt & Pierce, chairs.....	\$25 00
W. G. Tucker, extinguishers.....	88 00
Steamer No. 1. N. B., salary.....	75 00
Hook and Ladder No. 1, N. B., salary.....	75 00
Hero Engine Co., No. 2, salary.....	97 00
Hook and Ladder No. 2, salary.....	55 00
H. W. Sheldon, salary, etc.....	23 40
J. C. Donovan, repairs.....	4 00

B. Walker, use of horses.....	\$10 00
B. W. Kearny, use of horses.....	6 75
Talbot Chemical Co., charges.....	2 64
Warren Sprowl, watching fires.....	1 50
R. J. Griffin, watching fires.....	27 50
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	25 41
J. C. Donovan, repairs.....	2 50
W. H. Sexton, repairs.....	20 30
E. B. Smith, repairs.....	5 25
C. A. Holt, team.....	1 00
Billerica Shoe Co., supplies.....	5 35
Talbot Chemical Co., supplies.....	6 03
A. L. Jackson & Co., supplies.....	65 65
J. Hamm, watching fires.....	2 00
C. Nugent, watching fires.....	2 00
B. Walker, use of horses.....	3 00
B. Kearney, use of horses.....	2 00
Billerica Shoe Co., supplies.....	13 40
L. W. Holden, supplies.....	6 96
L. W. Buckley, express and car fare.....	3 59
C. E. Berry, repairs.....	9 00
C. B. Coburn, supplies.....	1 65
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	4 65
E. W. Livingston, salary.....	20 00
E. B. Haskell, salary.....	20 00
L. W. Buckley, salary.....	20 00
J. B. Taylor, supplies.....	4 50
Total.....	<hr/> \$735 03

FOREST FIRES.

Hook and Ladder, No. 1, East and West Billerica.....	\$91 80
Ben Kearney, horses.....	31 75
W. S. Taylor, care fires.....	1 20
S. W. Stackpole, watching fires.....	15 20
G. E. and W. F. Simonds, ".....	4 00
I. T. Littney, ".....	1 20
Andrew Hackett, ".....	4 00
C. E. Morris, ".....	3 20
F. E. Colby, ".....	6 00

W. E. Sprowl, watching fires.....	\$16 30
L. W. Buckley, ".....	4 50
George B. Smith, ".....	9 00
A. E. Wilson, ".....	13 60
W. H. Hutchins, ".....	17 80
C. A. Foster, ".....	19 10
Steamer Co., No. Billerica, ".....	31 20
Ben Walker, use of horses.....	11 50
G. E. Spaulding, watching fires.....	6 90
C. A. Shults, ".....	10 40
John Newell, ".....	3 20
J. B. Randalls, ".....	1 60
H. D. Livingston, use of horses.....	9 00
E. L. Walker, watching fires.....	11 20
G. P. Greenwood, ".....	5 00
B. G. Hutchins, ".....	4 00
A. K. Litteney, ".....	10 00
W. J. Hutchins, ".....	10 20
W. Crosby, ".....	3 20
T. G. Messer, ".....	19 60
C. A. Holt, supplies and team.....	82 91
J. E. Farmer, watching fires.....	8 00
J. H. Parker, ".....	4 40
W. Holden, ".....	8 80
P. Kennelly, ".....	7 20
Fred Spaulding, ".....	6 40
V. J. Hosmer, ".....	5 20
J. F. Bruce, soda.....	2 00
J. J. Hayes, watching fires.....	1 20
Oren Mahoney, ".....	3 40
J. Hopkinson, ".....	8 00
Frank Dolan, ".....	1 00
Martin Conway, Jr., fares.....	1 30
H. C. Sommers, watching fires.....	4 80
E. G. Butler, ".....	8 20
Stephen Poland, ".....	8 00
J. F. Green, ".....	4 60
Swinnington Bros., supplies.....	1 90
George E. Stearns.....	6 60
H. A. King.....	5 40

 \$554 96

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John E. Bull, salary, school committee.....	\$60 00
J. N. Pardee, salary, school committee.....	60 00
Herbert A. King, salary, town clerk.....	150 00
John A. Richardson, salary, town treasurer.....	250 00
John E. Rowell, salary, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor.....	262 50
E. B. Haskell, salary, selectman	150 00
Josiah Wright, salary, selectman	112 50
Sears J. Cook, salary, assessor and overseer of poor	150 00
Coburn S. Smith, salary, assessor and overseer of poor.....	190 00
O. A. Flint, salary, school committee.....	60 00
Albert Jones, salary, tax collector 1896.....	250 00
H. C. Brown, salary, tax collector 1894.....	60 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Dr. J. B. Tyler.....	\$14 50
J. E. Rowell.....	5 00
C. S. Smith.....	5 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit their annual report, as follows:

We are very much pleased to report that our sanitary regulations have been cheerfully complied with in all parts of the town, and that no cases of disease have occurred that could be attributed to any defective drainage. In the main the health of the community has been good, and the number of contagious diseases has been small.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH,
JOHN B. TYLER, M. D.

POLICE REPORT.

There have been 27 arrests, for the following causes :

Assault.....	2
Larceny, simple.....	1
Drunkenness.....	13
Riding bicycle on sidewalk.....	2
Vagrant.....	3
Violation of Lord's day.....	2
Insane.....	2
Violation of liquor law.....	1

DISPOSAL OF CASES.

Committed to Lowell jail.....	4
Committed to house of correction.....	2
Committed to state farm.....	4
Delivered to out of town officers.....	1
Paid fines.....	6
Discharged at court.....	3
Committed to Concord reformatory.....	2
Committed to Worcester insane asylum.....	2

MISCELLANEOUS.

Burglaries reported.....	5
Intoxicated persons cared for.....	10
Persons locked up.....	12
Suspicious persons detained.....	1
Cases investigated.....	36
Number of dogs killed.....	9
Strayed teams cared for.....	2
Value of property reported stolen	\$445 00
Value of property recovered.....	175 00

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
MARTIN CONWAY, JR.,

Police Officers.

Billerica, Feb. 28, 1897.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

For Year Ending March 1st, 1897.

Whole number of examinations made.....	1,342
Number of hogs killed at slaughter-house.....	117
Number of hogs examined on owners' premises previous to sale.....	8
Found none diseased.	
Number of calves killed at slaughter-house.....	83
sheep " " "	4
cows " " for beef.....	7
Number of cattle condemned by the state and killed at Billerica, Brighton and Watertown.....	192
Of this number 190 proved to be tuberculous.	
The amount which has been paid or is now due to own- ers of condemned cattle is.....	\$7,535 49
1 horse was quarantined, condemned and killed for glanders.	
24 hogs were quarantined for hog cholera; of these 12 died and 12 recovered.	
The condition of 57 barns has been reported to the state, and water from 6 of them has been sent to the laboratory.	

WM. H. HUTCHINS,

Inspector.

APPRAISAL OF TOWN TEAMS.

Four horses.....	\$550 00
Three carts.....	200 00
Three harnesses.....	75 00
Three sleds.....	40 00
Eight horse blankets.....	10 00
Road scraper.....	100 00
Halters and surcingles.....	3 00
Combs and brushes.....	75
Grain chest.....	5 00
Hay and grain.....	30 00
Scythes and snaths.....	4 00
Stove.....	6 50
Drag.....	2 00
Jack and wrenches.....	2 50
Stone hammer and screen.....	2 50
Ploughs.....	8 00
Bars, picks and grubs.....	8 00
Fly nets and chains.....	4 00
Shovels and rakes.....	6 00
Axes and forks.....	2 00
Eveners.....	3 00
Derrick.....	25 00
Whiffletrees, bells and feed baskets.....	6 25
Pails, brooms and axle grease.....	1 50
Grindstone and lanterns.....	6 00
Blocks and canvas.....	4 00
Wheelbarrow.....	1 00
Powder and fuse.....	50
Lumber.....	17 00
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/> \$1,073 50

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, \$8,000.

Paid L. T. McKenney.....	\$875 04
J. A. Baker.....	500 06
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	\$1,375 10
Paid E. M. Chapin, teacher's salary.....	\$72 00
A. B. Bisbee, " ".....	403 00
K. A. Brown, " ".....	418 00
H. L. Briggs, " ".....	380 00
M. V. Foss, " ".....	148 00
M. A. Knowles, " ".....	475 00
G. L. Knowles, " ".....	304 00
L. McCellan, " ".....	115 20
J. M. Livingston, " ".....	359 60
M. F. Page, " ".....	378 00
M. A. Sampson, " ".....	135 00
M. E. F. Shea, " ".....	418 00
A. M. Porter, " ".....	105 00
A. L. Warren, " ".....	338 00
J. L. Noyes, " ".....	397 50
W. A. Lillian, " ".....	40 00
Edith Arnold, " ".....	207 00
L. A. Brown, " ".....	230 00
Maud Wilkins, " ".....	84 60
B. Roberts, " ".....	38 80
G. E. Simonds, wood.....	24 00
B. L. O'Hare, janitor.....	3 00
H. C. Brown, labor.....	4 10
American Express, express.....	4 35
T. E. Smith, labor.....	45 14
Fred A. Morey, supplies.....	19 18
T. E. Smith, labor.....	10 45
Town of Billerica.....	96 00

Paid Robert Stott, janitor.....	\$40 00
A. C. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
Leach, Sewell & Co., supplies.....	25 35
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	67 68
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies.....	5 10
Morning Mail Co., printing.....	3 75
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	8 15
A. C. Wilson, labor.....	3 00
C. A. Pasho, janitor.....	3 00
A C. Wilson, janitor.....	10 40
Henry Shuman, storage.....	75
Harry Pasho, sawing wood.....	3 12
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies.....	11 60
W. C. Phillips & Co., coal.....	19 75
Lyman Cole, labor.....	2 50
H. C. Brown, labor.....	1 00
James Barrington, labor.....	16 56
A. C. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
J. Barrington, labor.....	2 44
Swinnington Bros., repairs.....	1 05
Martha A. Dodge, school census.....	25 13
John E. Bull, supplies.....	7 02
A. C. Wilson, janitor.....	25 00
A. C. Wilson, sundries.....	2 37
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	4 32
W. Fenton, clocks.....	22 20
Oak Hall, supplies.....	24 50
Boston Supply Co., flags, etc.....	4 37
V. J. Hosmer, labor.....	14 90
Fred. H. Parker, wood.....	10 00
C. A. Holt, moving supplies.....	1 00
J. F. Bruce, supplies.....	1 01
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	10 91
L. T. McKenney, supplies.....	5 75
W. A. Burns, janitor.....	1 85
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	12 00
Fred Smith, janitor.....	50 00
Harry Pasho, janitor.....	3 00
H. D. Livingston, repairs.....	5 00
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	223 58
O. A. Flint, putting in coal.....	11 42

Paid Talbot Chemical Co., coal.....	\$98 73
Henry Shuman.....	7 41
B. W. Drown.....	9 00
H. Nickols, janitor.....	5 00
Swinnington Bros., labor.....	1 65
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor and repairs	27 25
George R. Herrick, repairs	6 79
Fred. A. Morey, supplies.....	2 10
Ashton Valve Co., supplies	14 20
B. F. Crosby, supplies.....	1 25
George H. Hall, labor.....	61 23
Estabrook Pen Co., supplies.....	5 52
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	12 65
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies.....	21 15
University Press Co., supplies.....	25 90
T. R. Blodgett, supplies.....	7 50
Leach, Sewell & Co., supplies.....	12 50
J. N. Pardee.....	8 00
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	25 00
American Book Co., supplies.....	1 60
Jackson & Newton, supplies.....	10 50
Mrs. M. J. Monty, labor.....	7 20
John E. Bull, supplies.....	8 29
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	28 48
Fred Smith, janitor....	50 00
A. H. Jones, labor and lumber.....	11 48
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	25 00
American Book Co., supplies.....	11 05
L. T. McKenney, postage, telephone and express..	7 05
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	23 64
Boston and Maine R. R., freight.....	3 61
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	14 40
University Publishing Co., supplies.....	11 65
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	10 20
John Law, janitor	8 00
Swinnington Bros., repairs.....	6 77
Fred C. Smith, janitor.....	50 00
J. P. Townsend, labor.....	1 00
C. A. Pasho, janitor.....	5 00
W. L. Gardner, sawing wood.....	4 37
Morse & Co., supplies.....	96

Paid George Miller, sawing wood.....	\$3 63
W. A. Burns, janitor.....	5 00
A. H. Jones, labor, etc.....	6 29
Swinnington Bros., labor and supplies.....	31 06
E. A. Hill, repairing clock.....	1 25
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies.....	72
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	2 25
Sears J. Cook, wood.....	105 57
Alfred Marston, sawing wood.....	3 75
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	76 86
Clarence Waite, janitor.....	10 63
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	25 00
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	4 15
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies.....	1 00
Pratt & Forrest, lumber.....	1 25
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	25 00
George H. Bennick, labor and material.....	21 93
Town of Billerica, services of M. Conway, Jr., janitor and truant officer.....	40 00
Swinnington Bros., repairs.....	3 10
Sears J. Cook, wood.....	13 50
Fred Smith, janitor.....	50 00
George E. Simonds, wood.....	25 50
Fred A. Morey, supplies.....	2 62
William Burns, janitor.....	3 00
Chester Pasho, janitor.....	3 00
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor.....	25 00
John E. Bull, supplies.....	2 50
J. D. Runnells, sawing wood.....	3 75
John Lane, janitor.....	3 00
Clarence Waite, janitor.....	3 00
George F. Colson, wood.....	6 00
O. A. Flint, sawing wood.....	9 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation, \$1,500.00.

Courier-Citizen Co., printing.....	\$ 2 50
Fred A. Fisher, counsel fees.....	60 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline.....	23 85
Shawsheen Lodge, rent.....	28 00
Jackson Wright, platform.....	5 00
G. F. & D. S. Richardson, settlement of McGee case....	50 00
Warren E. Sprowl, sundries.....	3 00
Joseph Norman, witness fees.....	1 35
Lowell college, resolutions.....	6 00
George E. Maker, frame.....	3 25
W. G. Tucker, extinguishers.....	30 00
J. L. Simpson, raising flag.....	2 00
C. N. Marland, printing.....	5 00
Morning Mail Co., reports.....	105 60
Thompson Hardware Co., ladder.....	3 50
T. F. Lyons, postage.....	5 45
Lowell police department.....	1 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	2 28
American Express Co., express.....	70
A. W. Dudley, surveyor.....	16 75
H. A. King, dog book.....	7 00
E. W. Livingston, sundries.....	4 83
L. Spencer, witness fees.....	1 35
E. B. Haskell, express and postage.....	1 05
J. L. Simpson, raising flag.....	4 00
Thomas Groom & Co., assessors' book.....	4 00
C. A. Holt, telephone and team.....	4 00
G. E. Spaulding, gravel teaming.....	1 50
E. W. Livingston, fare, telephone and team.....	4 15
F. A. Morey, sundries.....	3 07
J. A. McQuade, services rendered.....	10 00
R. J. Griffin, labor.....	5 25
W. H. Sexton, work on lock-up.....	2 80

A. P. Bateman, lumber.....	\$7 17
W. C. Phillips & Co., coal Union Hall.....	135 80
M. H. McElligott, conveying prisoners.....	2 50
Lowell Police Department.....	3 00
C. A. Holt, telephone and team.....	4 75
Thomas Groom & Co., call book.....	2 14
Morning Mail Co., printing.....	5 00
T. F. Lyons, postage and stationary.....	2 94
R. T. Perry, auditor.....	15 00
J. L. Simpson, raising flag and repairs.....	2 75
E. B. Colby, auditor.....	15 00
C. A. Holt, supplies.....	2 45
Sidney A. Bull, auditor.....	15 00
Sidney A. Bull, adjusting hay scales.....	2 00
Martin Conway, Jr., prisoner to Bridgewater.....	6 00
C. F. Barker, labor and stock.....	3 74
Billerica Shoe and Harness Co., polish.....	25
Greenough, Adams & Co., ink.....	54
H. C. Church & Son, insurance.....	42 00
J. Wright, labor.....	1 90
Town of Tewksbury, taxes.....	9 30
C. A. Holt, teams.....	5 00
Gilbert & Barker, sundries.....	16 00
Lowell Police Dept.....	1 00
F. A. Morey, shovel.....	50
T. F. Lyons, postage.....	4 43
E. W. Livingston, car fare.....	3 05
W. E. Hatch, voting booths.....	24 32
A. H. Jones, labor. Union Hall.....	4 61
Billerica Harness Co., book.....	3 75
Republican Club, North Billerica, use of hall.....	5 00
E. A. Barker, painting.....	9 75
Swinnington Bros., repairing Union Hall.....	13 08
Boston & Maine railroad, freight.....	1 68
J. A. Weinbeck, burial of A. B. Lovejoy.....	35 00
Patrick Kearney, special police.....	4 00
T. E. Smith, window screens.....	8 25
W. H. Hutchins, expenses as inspector.....	16 00
J. L. Simpson, raising flag.....	2 00
L. W. Holden, supplies.....	7 06
Billerica Harness Co., supplies.....	50
E. W. Livingston, care fare.....	2 10

E. W. Livingston, two cords of wood.....	\$7 00
Dennis O'Keefe, labor.....	75
Lowell Police Department.....	1 00
W. H. Sexton, repairs.....	5 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline.....	42 30
O. A. Flint, reporting births.....	5 25
Martin Conway, Jr., expense for schools.....	5 00
J. Wright, labor.....	1 20
Morning Mail Co., printing.....	4 75
C. A. Holt, livery.....	3 50
Walker Pratt Co., water section.....	13 00
J. E. Blodgett, care town clock.....	23 00
F. A. Fisher, counsel fees.....	37 00
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	65
L. H. Bacon, ventilator.....	55 00
Swinnington Bros., repairs.....	67 91
Albert Stearns, return of deaths.....	4 25
T. G. Messer, use of horse.....	1 75
Josiah Wright, labor.....	10 10
J. E. Bull, sundries.....	2 27
Talbot mills, oil, &c.....	6 98
H. A. King, births, deaths and marriages.....	39 20
J. A. Richardson, sundries.....	6 05
Andrew Handley, public watering place.....	5 00
W. H. Sexton, repairs.....	1 75
L. W. Holden, sundries.....	1 49
T. F. Lyons, paper, postage, etc.....	1 95
George C. Crosby, police.....	10 00
Martin Conway, Jr., expenses.....	6 80
Fred A. Morey, supplies.....	1 45
Hutchins & Wilson, supplies.....	10 00
F. P. Marble, by-laws and expenses.....	53 50
J. B. Tyler, reporting births.....	7 00
Josiah Wright, special police.....	2 50
E. B. Haskell, special police.....	2 50
C. A. Holt, team.....	4 50
E. B. Haskell, postage.....	1 50
W. H. Hutchins, ex-cattle inspector.....	5 60
Talbot Chemical Co.....	2 64

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid Joseph Talbot, teller, Nov., 1895.....	\$2 00	
Thomas Harrigan, teller, Nov., 1895....	2 00	
W. B. Chambers, dept. clerk.....	5 00	
Earnest Robinson, dept. warden.....	5 00	
E. L. McMahon, teller.....	2 00	
John H. Mahoney, inspector.....	5 00	
John J. Mahony, clerk.....	10 00	
Joseph Hannon, dept. inspector.....	5 00	
Richard T. Perry, teller.....	2 00	
Phillip B. Dolan, inspector.....	5 00	
Joseph Ellis, inspector.....	5 00	
Charles Lyons, clerk.....	5 00	
A. S. Brown, warden.....	5 00	
H. A. King, warden	5 00	
C. A. Bowman, dept. warden.....	5 00	
Franklin Jaquith, inspector.....	5 00	
Fred H. Parker, dept. inspector.....	5 00	
J. S. Holt, clerk.....	10 00	
Geo. F. Colson, inspector.....	5 00	
M. J. McElligott, inspector	5 00	
		<hr/> \$98 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation		\$700 00
Paid C. A. Holt, supplies.....	\$63 15	
Josiah Wright, use of team.....	18 00	
William Austin, board of men.....	8 00	
Daniel Russell, supplies.....	360 72	
Josiah Wright, labor.....	4 25	
C. A. Holt, board of W. F. Whitman..	4 00	
W. F. Austin, labor and board of men..	83 07	
Heliotype Printing Co.....	70 00	
		<hr/> \$611 19

BRIDGES.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid Burnham & Davis, lumber.....	\$62 85	
T. E. Smith, labor.....	33 55	
		<hr/> \$96 40

FISH WARDEN.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
Paid Patrick Kearney, services.....	\$40 00	
E. W. Livingston, services	60 00	
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STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Paid R. B. Holden, Centre.....	\$250 00	
Fred A. Casey, Centre	50 00	
W. A. Evans, North Billerica.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	600 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Paid Coburn S. Smith.....	75 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid George Miller, aid.....	\$30 00	
Mrs. Mary Haskell, aid for Mrs. George Miller	17 60	
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Paid Gardner E. Spaulding, conveying scholars	\$21 00	
Benjamin Walker, conveying scholars..	4 50	
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CEMETERIES.

Appropriation		\$150 00
Paid Samuel Osgood, labor, North Cemetery,	\$113 50	
E. W. Brown, labor, South Cemetery..	10 00	
		<u>\$123 50</u>

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation		\$275 00
Paid William H. Hutchins, salary		\$252 01
		<u>\$22 99</u>

CARE OF COMMON.

Appropriation.....		\$75 00
Paid R. B. Holden, superintendent.....		\$75 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....		\$1,200 00
Paid Everett W. Livingston, salary.....	\$584 00	
Martin Conway, Jr.....	624 00	
		<u>\$1,208 00</u>
Less amount received from School Committee on account of Martin Conway, Jr., for services as truant officer and janitor...	40 00	
		<u>\$1,168 00</u>
Balance unexpended.....		\$32 00

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Appropriation		\$45 00
Paid E. L. McMahon, salary	\$15 00	
Arthur W. Holden, salary	15 00	
John Harrington, salary	15 00	
		<u>\$45 00</u>

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Paid John Newell, labor.....	\$	7 87
M. McElligott, labor.....		7 87
John Stahle, labor.....		7 87
Geo. C. Crosby, labor.....		9 00
Town teams, labor.....		12 00
Andrew Hackett, labor.....		5 25
Henry Livingston, labor.....		8 00
Town teams, labor.....		16 00
T. E. Smith, labor.....		23 25
Arthur S. Cook, half expense sidewalks.		5 00
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		\$102 11
Less amount received from J. A. Richardson.		25 00
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		\$77 11

NEW BRIDGE AT BILLERICA CORNER.

Appropriation.....		\$2,500 00
Paid Burnham & Davis, lumber.....	\$461 37	
Boston Bridge Co., as per contract.....	1,550 00	
Josiah Wright, labor on stone work.....	201 37	
M. McElligott, lanterns and care.....	25 80	
P. N. Shores, hanging lantern.....	1 50	
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		\$2,240 04

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation.....	\$75 00	
Balance on hand, 1895.....	32 26	
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		\$107 26
Paid as per vouchers.....		\$111 90
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Overdrawn.....		\$4 64

COBURN S. SMITH,
Treasurer Billeirca Veteran Association.

JURY LIST--1897.

O. A. Dane	Baker
C. S. Smith	Farmer
Ebenezer Baker	Butcher
Josiah Wright	Contractor
John E. Bull	Merchant
Sears J. Cook	Farmer
Bernard Kearney	Farmer
Geo. F. Colson	Farmer
Walter Sutcliff	Wood Dealer
Thomas Spaulding	Wood Dealer
C. W. Flanders	Optician
R. B. Holden	Merchant
Henry Shuman	Farmer
Sam H. King	Farmer
John Harrington	Farmer
E. B. Haskell	Farmer
Edwin Manning	Farmer
W. W. Nason	Clergyman
W. H. Simonds	Farmer
Thomas Lyons	Farmer
Geo. R. Herrick	Farmer
Dennis O. Keefe	Farmer
Clarence Bowman	Farmer
Fred H. Parker	Grocer
Albert Barrington	Spinner
Joseph S. Holt	Shoemaker
Voluntine Rollins	Farmer
Alfred Brown	Farmer
Franklin Jaquith	Manufacturer
Joseph H. Call	Farmer
Martin Conway	Farmer
Erastus Colby	Farmer
John E. Rowell	Farmer
John Foster	Insurance Agent
Frank W. Crosby	Ice-man
Benj. F. Crosby	Painter
Dick Folsom	Farmer
Albert H. Jones	Collector
W. H. Hutchins	Inspector
L. B. Gannon	Real Estate Broker

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1896-97.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1896-97.

OMAR A. FLINT, Chairman; term expires 1897.

JOSEPH N. PARDEE, Secretary; term expires 1898.

JOHN E. BULL; term expires 1899.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Pollard, Richardson and Crosby Schools, J. E. BULL.

Talbot and Union Hall Schools, O. A. FLINT,

Hill and Spaulding Schools, J. N. PARDEE.

LEWIS T. McKENNEY, Superintendent.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays at Town Hall, 4 to 5 o'clock. Thursdays at Union Hall, 4 to 5 o'clock.

TEACHERS.

Instructor in Music,

MR. J. AVISON BAKER.

Pollard Grammar School,

MISS MARY A. KNOWLES.

Pollard Intermediate,

MISS ALMA B. BISBEE.

Pollard Primary,

MISS MARTHA F. PAGE.

Talbot Grammar School,

MRS. A. M. PORTER.

MR. JULIAN L. NOYES.

Talbot Sub-Grammar,

MISS MARY E. F. SHEA.

Talbot Intermediate,

MISS A. LILLIAN WARREN.

Talbot Primary,

MISS MABEL A. SAMPSON,

MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON.

Union Hall Intermediate School,

MISS KATE A. BROWN.

Union Hall Primary,

MISS MABEL V. FOSS,

MISS LIZZIE A. BROWN.

Richardson School,

MISS LOTTIE C. McCLELLAN,

MISS EDITH M. ARNOLD.

Spaulding School,

MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON,

MISS MAUD E. WILKINS,

MISS BESSIE DAVIS,

MISS LIZZIE M. CHAPIN.

Hill School,

MISS HELEN L. BRIGGS,

Crosby School,

MISS GRACE L. KNOWLES.

Truant Officers, Precinct No. 1, E. W. LIVINGSTON.

Precinct No. 2, MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Billerica:

Another school year having closed, your committee have the honor and the pleasure to present their annual report. Whatever may have been attained in the various schools of our town during the past year, or whatever may be the sum total of good results in all of the schools taken as a whole, be it more or less, it has been secured only through tireless, patient and conscientious efforts of an excellent corps of teachers — encouraged, aided and directed by an efficient superintendent — and fully sustained by the committee who have endeavored to discharge every duty pertaining to their office, according to well founded principles, which have required us to do all in our power for the advancement and elevation of the public schools.

The various questions relating to their interest, arising from time to time, have been duly considered and decided according to our best light and highest sense of justice and propriety. Special care has been given to the selection of teachers, in cases where unavoidable changes have occurred, with a view to obtaining, not only skilful and successful teachers, but those best adapted to the respective places for which they were required.

The most difficult office to fill, satisfactorily, during the past year, has been that of principal of the Talbot School. The situation requires an able teacher, and a firm and wise disciplinarian; and experience, not altogether pleasant, led

to the appointment during the spring term of a male principal for this school, an act which we at first regarded as somewhat experimental, but which has proved very successful. Notwithstanding the number of enforced changes in the list of teachers, to which we have referred, and the necessity for which we deeply regret, we believe the year's work has been very satisfactory. And one of the most potent factors which have conspired to secure success, even under difficulties, has been the intelligent school supervision, which the town has enjoyed for several years, through the wise liberality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As to instruction in music, our report must be similar to that of previous years, in which we have so heartily commended the work accomplished by our musical instructor, Mr. J. Avison Baker. It is quite sufficient to say that he has lost none of his power to teach children to read music at sight and sing correctly. And we feel some pride in the fact that the school children of Billerica have been highly complimented by good judges for their accurate knowledge of music.

We are sorry to have to state that the continued ill health of Miss Annie J. Page has prevented her return to the charge of the Richardson School, where her devoted efforts for a long term of years were always so successful. Miss Edith M. Arnold is now conducting the school as a substitute for Miss Page, and is doing a very commendable work.

On February 22nd the committee received a letter from Miss Mary A. Knowles, by which she resigned the office of principal of the Pollard School, the resignation to take effect March 1st. Miss Knowles has taught in the public schools of Billerica, continuously, for nine years; having officiated in the Crosby and the Hill Schools, also at the old school-

house at Billerica Centre, and when the Pollard school building was completed in the spring of 1892, and occupied under a new organization of the schools of that locality, Miss Knowles was elected principal. Her uniform success as a teacher is well known to the people of Billerica and her departure from the office she has so long filled, to accept a more desirable position in a neighboring city, will be recognized as a great loss by all who have had the benefit of her services, or the pleasure of her acquaintance.

And the committee, personally, and in behalf of the people, sincerely wish her the highest possible degree of success and general prosperity in her new associations.

THE TEACHER'S VOCATION.

There are, probably, very few people, except those who are, or have been practical teachers, who have an adequate idea of the trials and real difficulties encountered in public school-teaching, or who can comprehend the diversified abilities and the greatness of character the profession imperatively demands. Indeed, it may be apprehended that too many of those who are actually engaged in teaching, fail to realize the gravity of their situation, the scope and complexity of their responsibilities.

Let us divide their duties into two great parts, viz, That of Intellectual education and that of Moral education. And it is evident, from the nature of the case, that a teacher must be qualified to do practical and effective duty in each department, and to be a living example for her pupils.

We believe that efficient work in the department of morals is too frequently neglected or absolutely ignored.

We use the term "morals" in its broad and correct sense, and refer to schools not limited to town or state lines.

Our Massachusetts Legislature in 1886, believing that more attention should be given to moral education in the public schools of the state, passed a law relating to it, in substance as follows: "It shall be the duty of . . . all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

It is therefore apparent that thorough and effective teaching in morals is not only required as a natural obligation, but is positively demanded by the public, as expressed by their representatives.

In view of the pressing claims upon the teacher's knowledge, patience and strength, that issue from the intellectual department of his work, and those also that emanate from the moral department, the teacher who *completely* fills his place, always giving the right instruction and exerting the right influence, will hardly have occasion to magnify his office, but rather be entitled, as a well earned right, to the profound respect and gratitude of the people whom he serves.

In connection with the above remarks on moral educa-

tion we deem it pertinent to speak a few words, at least, with respect to the

AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY,

The aim and object of the society are well expressed in its name: Humane Education.

Education designed and conducted to make the rising generation *more humane* than the preceding one.

It operates in harmony with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and your committee, appreciating the great amount of good accomplished annually by these societies, and recognizing the fact that their work is in behalf of morality and embraces a large part of the general moral teaching needed in the schools, we invited the Field Secretary of the former society, Mr. A. Judson Leach, to visit our schools and to exert, as far as possible, the benign influence of the cause he represents. He came in the month of January and addressed the pupils of each school and formed as a result, fourteen Bands of Mercy in Billerica, one of which was in Mitchell's School.

These bands are to be taught "Kindness, Justice and Mercy to every living creature." And the elevating effect of such teaching cannot be questioned. It will raise the character of the children to a higher plane, and render them better citizens, when responsibilities, as such, shall rest upon them in their maturer years. We therefore earnestly request all parents and others having influence over the children to encourage them in every possible way, to maintain their membership of a Band of Mercy and to put into *daily practice* the moral principles involved in their instructions.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

No extensive repairs have been required during the past year, but all minor repairs, such as are needed every year, to some extent, have received attention, and school buildings have been kept in good condition. And while speaking on this subject, it occurs to the committee to incorporate in our report a vote, passed by the committee in April, 1895; it being of public interest, and the propriety of its publication having been heretofore overlooked. The matter was recorded as follows:

“In consequence of an application from Mr. Thomas for the consent of the committee to allow the use of the Crosby School-house for temperance meetings, it was voted to require in this, and in all similar cases, in which a school-room or building is sought for other than public school purposes, a petition signed by, at least, four (4) tax payers of the Town, the said petition to contain an agreement that the petitioners shall be individually and collectively responsible to the Town for any and all damage, or loss, that may ensue by reason of such use being made of any school-room or building.”

(Signed,) O. A. FLINT,
Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

We now have in Town a number of children of school age who live so remote from school as to need transportation. There are not less than two such children in the Shawsheen district, where a school was formerly kept, but which has been closed for lack of pupils for several years.

Not less than ten reside at South Lowell, within the limits of Billerica, and the estimated distance from school, especially the Talbot School, is over two miles. The children at South Lowell can be conveyed by the B. & M. R. R. Co., at a little less than half the regular fare, or less than three cents each way for each pupil. At this price conveyance will not be expensive, and we include in our estimated expenses for the ensuing year a reasonable amount for transportation of pupils—a better policy than to open a school at South Lowell at present.

The report of the Superintendent is subjoined and we are pleased to commend it to the careful perusal and consideration of parents and others interested in public education.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Appropriation	\$ 8,000 00
Massachusetts School Fund.....	\$208 39
State on account of superintendent.....	625 00
Received for tuition.....	2 00
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	\$8,835 39

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers, including music.....	\$5,556 76
Superintendent.....	947 96
Books and supplies.....	440 09
Fuel.....	612 86
Janitors.....	641 33
Repairs	301 46
Incidentals	122 43
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	\$8,622 89
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Unexpended balance.....	\$212 50

ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Teachers, including music.....	\$5,650 00	
Superintendent.....	250 00	
Books and supplies.....	500 00	
Fuel.....	600 00	
Janitors	700 00	
Repairs.....	300 00	
Incidentals	200 00	
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	\$8,200 00	
Less State School Fund.....	200 00	<hr/>
		\$8,000 00

We recommend that the sum of \$8,000.00 be raised and appropriated for school purposes for the ensuing year.

O. A. FLINT,
J. N. PARDEE,
J. E. BULL,

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Billerica:

GENTLEMEN.—The seventh annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, is respectfully submitted.

The work in the schools has continued progressively and fairly satisfactory during the year notwithstanding numerous changes in the teaching force.

Progress is a plant of slow growth, and a comparison of our schools one year with the immediately preceding, shows little change. It is only by going back over a considerable period of years that the contrast is made apparent.

Whether our schools are better now than they were twenty-five years ago depends upon the standpoint from which they are viewed. They are certainly different, and could hardly be otherwise if they even attempt to keep pace with material change. If the schools are to fit boys and girls for the duties that await them in this stirring age, the change in school methods and management should be commensurate with the changes in business, economic, and social life. But those who are so wedded to the past that they fain would return to the “good old times” in all things, and in schools more than in any other thing, of course, look upon the schools of today, in their changed condition, purposes, and results, as inferior—or at least not superior—to the schools of a quarter of a century ago. Their standard of measurement is the experience of their own school days, and this they apply without a realizing sense of what the schools of to-day are doing. They compare the average

school children of the present with the adults that were the best product of the schools of their time—the few who became eminent not because, but in spite, of the schools.

Boys are not all Lincolns or Greeleys or there would be little need of schools. The schools exist for the average boys and girls, and their attainments show the fair results of the schools.

The average boy of seven now can read as well, write better, and has as good knowledge of numbers as the average boy of nine twenty-five years ago.

The average boy of thirteen now knows something of history, geography, and literature, as well of cube root; he knows something of the forces, wonders, and beauties of nature, as well as the “rule of three”; he has some knowledge of language—not only his own, but often the elements of French and Latin—as well as of “parsing”; his hand as well as his head receives attention, and is trained to skilful manipulation; his eye is trained to appreciate harmony in color and symmetry in form; his ear is trained to harmony in music, and his voice to produce it; his body receives healthy and symmetrical development by proper physical training; and his heart is cultured by humane education and by some appreciation of beauty in art, literature and nature.

Compare this with the knowledge of the three R's acquired by the average boy of thirteen twenty-five years ago and the scope of the schools of to-day must be acknowledged to be broader and better than those of earlier days by those who view them from the standpoint of the living present, instead of the dying past.

In place of the bridle path is now the electric road. The emigrant wagon and stage coach have given way to the thundering freight and the through express. The electric

light has supplanted the blazing knot and the tallow dip. The schools, too, though behind material progress, have advanced to a position, whence they can no more be remanded to what they once were, than can the gigantic business enterprises of the country be returned to their former narrow limits.

But we are told the schools cost more than formerly. This is probably not the case. But if they do and the result is enough better the money is well expended. The best investments parents, communities or states ever made is the proper expenditure of money for the right education of youth. The development of the whole boy, body, mind and heart, should be the object, and this properly secured is worth all it costs whatever that may be.

I am unable to state accurately the cost of the schools per pupil twenty-five years ago, but it was probably not less than at present, judging from the figures given below, and was very likely more, certainly so if we consider their present improved condition and accommodations.

In this connection it is interesting to note

THE COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

The amount expended during the past year, exclusive of supervision and books and supplies, is.....			\$7,234 84	
Less amount from state fund.....			208 39	
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Salary of Superintendent.....			\$875 00	
Less amount from the state.....			625 00	
			<hr/>	250 00
Books and supplies.....				437 47
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Total cost to the town.....				\$7,713 92

Cost per pupil in the average membership, exclusive of books and supplies.....	\$18 19
Cost per pupil of books and supplies.....	1 10
Total cost per pupil.....	<u>\$19 29</u>

The average cost per pupil in the state on the above basis is \$24.73.

Average cost per pupil of text books and supplies in the state, \$1.50.

Using the same data as above, the following figures are obtained, showing the cost and size of the schools for each year from 1889 to 1896 inclusive :

Year ending in February.	Cost to the town.	Average membership of pupils.	Cost per pupil in the average membership.	Cost of books and supplies.	Cost per pupil of books and supplies.	Average wages of teachers per month.
1890	\$6,142 47	289	\$21 25	\$587 02	\$2 00	\$35 32
1891	5,192 60	332	15 64	399 61	1 20	35 03
1892	5,216 31	331	15 76	450 54	1 36	36 06
1893	6,624 50	352	18 82	581 09	1 63	37 06
1894	7,183 09	372	19 31	570 60	1 53	37 66
1895	7,468 64	390	19 15	446 14	1 14	39 97
1896	7,300 71	409	17 85	500 00	1 22	40 62
1897	7,713 92	400	19 20	440 09	1 10	41 45

The number of pupils in the Howe School is not included since their education is not at the Town's expense.

It should be borne in mind that during the period included in the above figures the salary of the director of music has been increased from \$300 to \$500. While this amount is included each year in the total cost of schools, the column showing the average wages of teachers per month includes only the salaries of the regular teachers and therefore makes

no account of the increase in the salary of the teacher of music.

It will be observed from the above figures, that since 1889—the last year before the Town employed a Superintendent under the present system—the average salary of teachers has increased six dollars per month. This increase in teachers' salaries, the other expenses remaining the same, would have increased the cost of the schools nearly two dollars per pupil. Extensive repairs have been made in every school building during this time, so that pupils now enjoy better accommodations, and they are also better supplied with books and school material, and yet the total cost, as shown above, is nearly two dollars per pupil less than it was then. In other words, there has been an increase on account of higher teachers' salaries, amounting to two dollars per pupil, and a decrease in other expenses amounting to four dollars per pupil, so that there has been a total decrease in the cost of the schools of two dollars per pupil, notwithstanding the increase in teachers' salaries and extensive repairs on school buildings.

This indicates that the school management during the past six years has exercised the strictest economy in school expenses, while at the same time it has shown a proper appreciation of the value of good teachers. For, while the schools have been supplied with better building accommodation and equipment, the expenses have been reduced in everything except instruction, and this has been increased to secure and retain the best possible teaching service. Economy and efficiency have thus been wisely considered, for nothing in education equals in value the spirit, sympathy and enthusiasm of a good teacher in the moral and intellectual uplift of the pupil.

The policy thus pursued has produced good results.

I believe that during the past six years, we have not had so good a corps of teachers as at present; nor have our schools been in so good condition as now. This is not boasting. It is not saying that either are perfect. Neither is so good that they may not be better, and I hope and expect to see both constantly improve.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

The exhibit of school work given in the Town Hall, near the close of the spring term, gave parents a better idea of the actual work of the schools than they could get by occasional visits to the school-rooms.

Every line of work done during the year was represented. In the evening the work in music was illustrated by classes, representing the different grades, tested in sight singing. The gymnastic work was shown by a class taught on the stage, without previous special training for the occasion, thus illustrating the method of instruction given in school.

It was intended to allow the material to remain on exhibition only Friday afternoon and evening, but on account of many requests it was allowed to remain until the following Monday. The exhibit received much attention and many commendations from parents and friends.

This exhibit took the place of the customary annual school exhibition and was a wise change. It took much less time from the regular school work to arrange the material that had accumulated during the year than has usually been taken to prepare for the exhibition, which always involves some expense, and does not show the real work of the

schools. It required less effort of both pupils and teachers who are always pretty well exhausted at the close of the school year.

I believe some such exhibit of school work should be given every year or two, so that the community may better understand the nature of the work the schools are doing. It is better, too, at least occasionally, to give an exhibit of the childrens' work instead of the children themselves.

MUSIC.

Mr. Baker has continued his usual energetic work in musical instruction, ably seconded by the regular teachers. The tests of classes in sight singing in the Town Hall last summer were creditable and indicated the character of the work that is being done.

For detail and method in conducting the musical instruction attention is directed to the appended report of the Director of Music.

DRAWING.

Our teachers are getting better results in following Mr. Bailey's outline in drawing than were secured under the Prang system formerly in use, although, the work is by no means satisfactory.

Were it always possible to secure teachers well qualified to teach drawing—which is not the case—the regular teachers cannot give the requisite time to this subject without other work suffering in consequence. Very good results in this subject are not secured anywhere without the aid of a special instructor, and if good work cannot be done in cities where larger salaries are likely to attract better trained teachers, and where each teacher has but one class, it can

hardly be expected in Billerica schools, where our teachers each have from two to eight classes.

Special instruction in music is unquestionably profitable in our schools. Special instruction in drawing would not be less so. The subject is certainly quite as important and is so recognized as evinced by the fact that instruction in drawing has been a legal requirement in the public schools of this State for more than forty years, while musical instruction has never been legally required. There may be those who consider neither music nor drawing essential or specially important in the child's training, regarding, as doubtless some do, the ability to earn a livelihood as the chief object of education. But those who realize what education means, recognize that its highest object is not to teach how to get a living, but how to live. Whether either or both of these be the object, there is no subject better calculated to secure the desired end than drawing. It cultivates both eye and hand and the heart as well. It teaches to see correctly and to execute accurately. It leads to a higher appreciation of beauty everywhere, and in this way has a highly moral effect. Its value to the child, however, depends largely on the nature of the instruction given, as in all subjects of study. It can no more be successfully taught without a special teacher than can music, as forty years of perfunctory work and unsatisfactory results abundantly testify.

I hope a special teacher in drawing may be employed during the coming year.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The small libraries that have been begun in most of the schools are having the effect to awaken in many pupils a desire to read, and of cultivating a taste for good literature.

An entertainment given by the pupils of the Spaulding school, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Livingston, during the spring term, netted \$8.25, which, expended, resulted in adding sixteen volumes to the school library.

Additions have also been made to the Crosby school library, by the use of the income of the fund belonging to that school.

ATTENDANCE.

The only schools sustaining an average of 95 per cent. are the Howe School, 95.75 per cent., and the Hill School, 95.41 per cent. Three of the others have fallen below 90 per cent. They are the Pollard Primary, 87.25 per cent., the Spaulding, 89.21 per cent., and the Crosby, 86.17 per cent. The others have sustained a slightly higher average than last year, so that the average for all the schools is but slightly below that of last year, being now 92.21 per cent., as compared with 92.91 per cent. last year.

There is a steady gain in the state, the average for 1895-1896 being 92 per cent., as compared with 91 per cent. the year before.

Irregular school attendance is a matter of serious consequence, not only in the loss of time and the forming of careless habits by the absentees, but in its hindrance to the rest of the school, caused by an effort to keep the laggards up with the class, which usually results rather in keeping the class back with them.

VERTICAL PENMANSHIP.

Vertical penmanship was introduced into all grades below the High School at the beginning of the fall term in place of the slant system. Though the time the new system

has been in use is short, two marked improvements are manifest—better positions of pupils in their seats, and more legible writing in all schools. There is no question but that this system is a distinct improvement over slant writing. It seems to be popular with teachers and pupils.

HOWE SCHOOL.

The trustees have had the Howe School building thoroughly renovated and placed in excellent condition for the accommodation and convenience of the school. A good system of heating and ventilation has been put in. The lower part of the building is now used for the main school-room. The upper part, consisting of the former school-room and recitation room, is now used for recitation and laboratory work. Thus the entire building is in constant use by the school, and affords ample accommodation.

All interested in the school regretted the resignation of Miss Stevens as assistant at the close of the spring term. Miss Stevens had rendered efficient service in the school. The trustees were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Angelina L. Weeks, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, and a teacher of considerable experience. The school now has suitable accommodations, offering a liberal course of studies, and under the management of an enthusiastic principal, seconded by an able assistant, is in condition to do excellent work.

It is the High School of the town, and deserves the hearty support and sympathy of the whole community. Billerica is fortunate to have a high school so well equipped and managed, conducted at no cost to the town. People of Billerica, this school is conducted for the benefit of your

children, and it is as much yours to enjoy as though supported by your taxes. Take an interest in it, visit it, commend or criticise as seems right, and I believe all you may say or do in reference to the school will be welcomed by trustees and teachers. For the future plans and purposes of the school attention is directed to the appended report of the principal.

At the close of another year's service in Billerica schools I take pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy of the committee, and the loyalty of the teachers. My hearty thanks are especially due to the community for its liberal support of, and manifest interest in, public education.

LEWIS T. McKENNEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

APPENDIX A.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Principal of the Howe School.

Mr. Lewis T. McKenney, Supt. of Schools:

DEAR SIR—It is with a feeling of pleasure that I respond to the request to subjoin a few words to your report.

With a building but so recently and so thoroughly altered and improved, a Board of Trustees ever ready to respond to legitimate demands insofar as school funds allow, and a school made up of willing boys and girls, faithful and conscientious in the performance of their work, truly is there satisfaction in the realization that school affairs are as encouraging as they are.

There is no false conception in our minds in this regard, however, rather a full belief that the only true encouragement lies in the knowledge of present defects and the endeavor to improve the equipment, not as an end in itself, but as an influence, strong and honest, on—not merely the present, but the whole—lives of those who make its life.

With the hope of arousing the interest of former members and graduates of the school, a historical catalogue from its inception is now under way. It is hoped that it will be ready by the end of the present school year.

In numbers there is interest and strength. There should be more pupils in the school. From the surrounding smaller

towns that do not support High schools there ought to be recruits. With increased numbers would come enlarged school service, and all could benefit thereby.

The courses of study offered are amply broad—broader, indeed, than most small schools offer. I have no intention, in these few paragraphs, of going into the detail of school affairs, but I would make the observation, based on the attainments of pupils who have applied for admission during the last two years, that inasmuch as at present we are obliged to do much Grammar school work with the entering class, there ought to be another year in the Grammar course. It is no more than is found necessary in the best school systems, and we should have it here. May it soon come.

As Miss Stevens wished to do further study, she resigned the position which she so acceptably filled for two years. She is now a student at Leland Stanford University, California.

Miss Angelina L. Weeks, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, for two years assistant in a private preparatory school at Conway, Mass., was elected to her place. We are fortunate to have a teacher of the ability and kindly nature which are hers.

Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Baker for the success he achieves as Instructor of music. His thoroughness of drill results in a most gratifying ability on the part of pupils to read music readily and accurately.

There are improvements in the line of those already made that we desire and are striving for, whether they are brought about in the near future or not, is uncertain. They must come, however, sooner or later. They will come when the size of the school and the interest of the parents demand them.

During the winter of 1895-'96, sufficient money was raised to warrant the purchase of a modern set of Encyclopædias. This winter we hope to add dictionaries and other reference books, and to that end arranged for a course of lectures. Financially they were not successful. The series of dancing parties now being given, however, offer reasonable hope of a balance toward the purchase of the books we so much need.

Just one word more. The members of the school committee and the parents of pupils very rarely visit us. We wish you would come oftener.

Respectively,

ALBERT M. JONES,

Prin. Howe School.

BILLERICA, Feb. 26th, 1897.

Report of Director of Music.

Mr. Lewis T. McKinney, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR — One needs but little observance to show him that the introduction of music into the public schools is becoming each year more and more general. It is a few years, comparatively, since music in our school rooms, as a branch of study, was unheard of, and unthought of. Then, a little later, when the work was first attempted in a few of our larger cities, how crude it was, and how meager were the results. It was not believed that little children could learn music and sing with beautiful tone and good expression. That nearly all children, when properly taught, can learn to sing new music at sight as well as they can learn to read and to understand writing and print, has been as clearly demonstrated as anything can be.

In order to improve musical affairs vocally and, indirectly, instrumentally, we must teach the children to read music. From an educational point of view, music is not unlike any other branch of study in its practical development. To learn music by rote is no more practical than to learn arithmetic or any other study by rote.

I do not care what beautiful figures a child can make, nor how glibly or eloquently he can repeat all the rules in his arithmetic, if he has not mastered the principles and learned to deal with the facts, he has not been practically

educated in arithmetic. What is true in this study as to the practical results is equally true in music. Good voices alone will not solve the problem of our musical future, but good voices and a thoroughly practical elementary education, or the ability to read music at sight, not alone mechanically, but understandingly, will make us a musical people. The successful starting of a Primary school on its course of music for the year requires both tact and experience. It has been my custom to examine, at the beginning of the September term, the voice of each child. To systematize these examinations I form three divisions, designated as classes A, B and C. Class A includes the positively musical children. In class B are placed children whose musical perception is awakened, but is undeveloped to that extent that for any combinations of sounds they are dependent upon the more musical pupils, while class C includes children with musical perception still dormant.

After the classification is once made, it is a comparatively easy task to give each pupil the training and practice he most needs. The pupils are required to state the key and kind of measure in which the exercise or song is written, and, so far as practicable, required to give the reason for their answer.

The preparation for part-singing cannot be begun too soon. The more individual singing we can spare the time for the better. We cannot possibly find out by concert singing the special weakness or ability of an individual pupil. I have succeeded in doing more personal work each year of my work in the schools, and the more I do it the better I am pleased, for then I know what is done for each scholar, and I know, also, that if the individual singing is good, the chorus will be good also. I would be pleased to see parents

and friends of the children make frequent visits to the school-room, and feel that they would be enjoyed by all.

With the earnest support of all our teachers, and by special care of the many beautiful voices under our charge, I feel sure that this department can be made more perfect each year. Thanking you and all with whom I have been associated for the courtesy received.

I am, very respectfully,

J. AVISON BAKER.

APPENDIX B.

CALENDARS, STATISTICS, ETC.

SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 1897-8.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

Spring term opens March 8, closes June 18; 15 weeks.

Fall term opens September 7, closes December 17; 15 weeks.

Recess from Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter term opens December 27, closes February 18, 1898 8 weeks.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Spring term opens April 5, closes June 17; 11 weeks.

Examinations of pupils for admission Friday, June 18, nine o'clock.

Fall term opens September 7, closes December 24; 16 weeks.

Recess from Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter term opens January 3, 1898, closes March 18; 11 weeks.

STATISTICS.

Number of children in town on the first of May, 1895, between five and fifteen years of age.....	457
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Number at the same time between eight and fourteen years of age	273
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Number of different pupils of all ages in the schools during the year	524
Number attending within the year under five years of age.....	6
Number attending within the year over fifteen years of age....	36
Number attending within the year between eight and fourteen years of age.....	279
Average membership of all the public schools	436
Average attendance.....	405
The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership.....	92.21
Number of teachers required by the public schools.....	15
Number of different male teachers employed in the public schools during the year.....	2
Whole number of different female teachers employed in the public schools during the school year.....	21
Number of teachers who have attended normal schools.....	10
Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools..	9
Wages per month of male teacher.....	\$60
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	\$41

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

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HOWE SCHOOL.

Three Terms.

Lottie Cowdry.

Two Terms.

Ethel L. Buckley,
Albert Holt,

Fannie Rogers,
Charles T. Sheldon,

Edith Wild.

One Term.

John Barrington,
Everett S. Bull,
Gladys Chapman,
Alden Hubbard,
Mary Hughes,
Thomas J. Garvin,

Alice Dodge,
Cora King,
Gardner Lund,
Alice Rogers,
J. Eva Smith,
Lena Tufts,

Thomas T. Twomey.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

9

POLLARD.

Two Terms.

Florence M. Young.

One Term.

Leroy W. Allen,
Alice M. Bailey,
David Coulter,
Alice T. Dodge,

Agnes A. Duren,
Harold D. Hutchins,
John M. Kennelly,
Keneth McElman

13

TALBOT FIRST GRAMMAR.

Two Terms.

Esther Carney,

Tirzah M. Dewhurst,

Mary Etta Page.

One Term.

James H. Bamforth,

John E. Hughes,

George B. Colson,

*Neil Mahoney,

Frank B. Conley,

Mary McCusker,

Lizzie Garner,

*Joseph Scanlan,

*Joseph Higson,

Charles Sheldon.

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TALBOT SECOND GRAMMAR.

Three Terms.

E. Alice Mills.

Two Terms.

Sarah E. Bamforth,

Florence C. Bradley,

William F. Bamforth,

Warren A. Hanson.

One Term.

Florence Broadbent,

T. Alfred Collins,

*George W. Carney,

Charles E. Higson,

Thomas W. Chrisholm,

Albert Hilton,

Thomas J. Cox,

Annie Higgins,

M. Christine Carney,

J. Agnes O'Connor,

Euphemia C. Potts.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

5

POLLARD.

Two Terms.

*J. Eben Baker,

Molly M. Kennelly,

F. Willard Robertson.

One Term.

Philip Austin,

Willard Robertson.

8

UNION HALL.

Two Terms.

Daniel Condon,
Chris A. Walker,

*Archie B. Faulds.
Bertha M. Sutcliffe.

One Term.

James S. Barrington,
Eleshia Blake,

Mary A. Dewire.
Frank Higgins.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

6

POLLARD.

Two Terms.

Leila S. Bull,

*Michael C. Hayes.

One Term.

J. Eben Baker,
Bartholomew T. Hayes,

*John F. Hayes,
Willard F. Robertson.

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TALBOT FIRST PRIMARY.

Two Terms,

Harold G. Brown,
Charles Bradley,
William Broadbent,
Joseph Carney,

Annie Collins,
Mary A. Ellis,
James McCusker,
Thomas A. Scanlon.

One Term,

*Leaon Eaton,
Agnes Gannon,
Warren A. Hanson,
William Higgins,
Annie Hoar,
Mary E. Hoar,
Hiram Mesiah,

Cecil M. Manning,
Arthur Mahoney,
William Morris,
Agnes J. O'Connor,
Lottie S. Potts,
James Reardon,
Jessie M. Spencer.

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TALBOT SECOND PRIMARY.

Three Terms.

Isabelle Carney.

Two Terms.

Edward Collins, Frank Mills,
George Wain.

One Term.

Clarence Bamforth,	Frank Maxwell,
George A. Bough,	Alice Maxwell,
Edward F. Cox,	Frederick Reardon,
Harold Eaton,	Nellie Spencer,
Gladys M. Holden,	William Spencer,
Percy Ineson,	Elmer Stevenson.

7

UNION HALL.

Two Terms.

Nellie Dewire.

One Term.

Daniel Condon,	*James Higgins,
Frank Dewire,	*Mary Higgins,
Thomas Foulds,	*Rebecca A. Spencer.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

1

CROSBY.

Two Terms.

John R. Bowman.

10

HILL.

Three Terms.

*Clarence I. Waite.

Two Terms.

Laura N. Desmazes,	Warren B. Robinson.
Philip D. Lyons,	Edward F. Smith,
*Lucy M. Waite.	

One Term.

Alfred T. Lyons,	*Nelson C. Pardee,
*Edwin C. Pardee,	Harry F. Waite.

15

RICHARDSON.

Three Terms.

Margaret E. Burns,

*Chester B. Kitchen.

Two Terms.

*Richard Burns,

Ernest Kitchen,

*William Burns,

James McGrath,

Bertha M. Foster,

Howell W. Shuman.

One Term.

Ruby E. Burns,

Eva R. Colby,

Belle C. Burns,

Florence A. Colby,

Katie Brown,

Milo B. King,

Thomas Lyons.

8

SPAULDING.

Two Terms.

Harry Dutton,

Malcolm Dutton.

One Term.

Elsworth Cowdrey,

Marion F. Dutton,

Walter Cowdrey,

John Lane,

Bessie Duren,

Mary E. Lane.

Total number of names appearing on the Roll of Honor, 155.

*Tardy once.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.		Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Cases or Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Teachers' Salaries Per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.
Mixed.	{ Grosby	Grace L. Knowles	16	12.33	10.63	86.17	25	3	\$50 00	38	
	{ Hill	Helen L. Briggs	30	18.66	17.81	95.41	36	20	40 00	38	
	{ Richardson	{ Lottie C. McClellan									
Pollard.	{ Spaulding	{ Edith M. Arnold	43	30.61	28.27	92.37	51	44	36 00	36	
	{ Grammar	Four during year	27	19.08	16.76	86.21	105	63	37 1-5	37	
	{ Intermediate	Mary A. Knowles	31	30.55	28.64	93.75	145	116	50 00	38	
Talbot.	{ Primary	Alma B. Bisbee	44	41.00	37.47	91.39	140	64	42 42	38	
	{ Grammar	Martha F. Page	55	31.94	27.90	87.25	123	23	40 00	38	
	{ Sub-Grammar	Mr. Julian L. Noyes	31	33.97	31.57	92.94	131	119	56 05	37 2-5	
U. H.	{ First Primary	Mary E. F. Shea	46	42.66	39.69	93.18	56	219	44 00	38	
	{ Second Primary	A. Lillian Warren	41	37.67	35.71	94.82	37	94	40 00	38	
	{ Intermediate	Jennie M. Livingston	52	37.42	35.79	94.03	36	21	38 42	37	
Howe.	{ Primary	Kate A. Brown	36	32.51	30.98	94.67	56	37	44 00	38	
	{ High	Mabel V. Foss	42	32.16	29.90	92.97	108	16	40 00	38	
		{ A. M. Jones, Principal				95.75	313	15	.....	.....
		{ Algelina L. Weeks, Assistant	*47	35.90	34.38						
Total			524	436	405	92.21	1,562	854	.....	.....

* Not enrolled in other schools in town during year, 30.

WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To be Held Monday, March Twenty-Second.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Everett W. Livingston Constable of the Town of Billerica.

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, March Twenty-Second at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes.

ART. 3. The Polls will be open, in accordance with the by-laws of the town, for the election of the following town officers, on one ballot for one year: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, one or more Constables, one member of the Board of Health, for three years; one member of the School Committee, for three years; one member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the town will choose Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the Bowers' Fund Committee, for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes, for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the revision of the Jury Box made by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 8. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen and all other Town Officers and Committees heretofore appointed.

ART. 9. To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate the question of a Water Supply.

ART. 10. To hear and act upon report of committee chosen at last Annual Town Meeting, to investigate the cost of a Stone Crusher, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to issue Town Notes for a sum not exceeding \$3,000, at an annual rate of interest not exceeding five per cent., payable in annual installment, \$500 each, said money to be used for the purpose of purchasing a Stone Crusher Plant, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate the \$2,500 received from sale of Town Farm land to pay for the town note issued to repair the bridge at Billerica corner, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to widen and improve the grade of the Middle Bridge Hill from the railroad track to the east end of Middle Bridge, or to take such action as may be deemed fitting concerning the same.

ART. 14. To vote on the following questions, viz.: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Billerica? Yes, or No.

ART. 15. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the

sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the Veterans on Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will extend Billerica Avenue to the Tewksbury line, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay Peter E. Holman the sum of \$127.20 for transporting school children the past year from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby school, or take any action thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for transporting school children from South Lowell to North Billerica, and from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby school.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$84, to be paid the Abbott Singing Fund Committee, to take the place of one year's interest on the Abbott Fund, which was received by the Town Treasurer December 12, 1893, and by error credited on town cash book and used to pay town expenses as by town report of that year.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in relation to expending the interest of the Abbott Fund for the purpose of instruction in vocal music, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$700, to be divided between the V. I. A. of North Billerica and Billerica Centre, to be expended by them for Street Lighting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purpose of preparing the original town records to be printed, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50, to properly carry out the provisions of Article 2, Section 8 of the By-Laws, relating to records of Highways, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to withdraw from and dissolve at the expiration of three years from the time when the same was effected, its union with the towns of Bedford, Burlington and Lincoln, formed in pursuance of a vote of the town, passed March 19, 1894, for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431, of the Acts of 1888 and the amendments thereto, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily, in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note, or notes of the town, for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of the Firemen to ten dollars per year, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices of the town, and one copy in each of the Porches or Vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,

Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

Estimate of Appropriation by the Selectmen for 1897.

	Estimate of Appropriation for 1897.	Estimate of Appropriation for 1896.
Schools.....	\$8,000 00	\$8,000 00
Highways.....	4,000 00	4,500 00
Bridges.....	200 00	100 00
Fire Department.....	1,000 00	800 00
Town Farm.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Outside Relief.....	1,300 00	1,000 00
Debt Appropriation.....	3,000 00	3,000 00
Interest.....	1,700 00	1,700 00
Insurance.....	750 00	None.
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest.....	2,000 00	2,000 00
State Tax } County Tax }	3,500 00	3,500 00
Incidentals.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Constable, Janitor and Police.....	1,500 00	1,200 00
Selectmen.....	375 00	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00	250 00
Overseers of the Poor.....	200 00	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00	180 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00	250 00
Tax Collector.....	350 00	350 00
Election Officers.....	100 00	100 00
Soldiers' Relief.....	100 00	100 00
Cattle Inspector.....	500 00	275 00
Fish Wardens.....	100 00	100 00
Registrars of Voters.....	80 00	45 00
Cemeteries.....	150 00	150 00
Sidewalks.....	200 00	200 00
Common.....	75 00	75 00
County Road.....	500 00	None.
Street Lighting.....	600 00	600 00
Board of Health.....	50 00	50 00

